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Planning

## **International Recruitment and Partnerships development and support –India.**

The University of Central Lancashire

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03029b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The University of Central Lancashire

Preston

#### **Email**

[lhorton2@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:lhorton2@uclan.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.uclan.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://esourcing.uclan.ac.uk/>

### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://esourcing.uclan.ac.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://esourcing.uclan.ac.uk/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

International Recruitment and Partnerships development and support –India.

Reference number

prj\_2096

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is published to advertise a forthcoming market engagement exercise. The University requires representation in India. The intention is that the contract will be awarded following an open competitive procurement process. This market engagement exercise is open to all persons who are interested (or may be interested) in providing this service. This market engagement exercise will commence with a virtual meeting on Monday 10th January 2022. It may also include further meetings with interested persons and/or a request to provide additional information. Through the market engagement exercise, the University will detail the draft specification, which will include the aims behind it. This meeting will also provide the opportunity for potential suppliers to give their feedback which may be reflected in the final specification. The competitive procurement process is expected to be published on 21st January 2022 with contract commencement on 1st November 2022. Some time has been allowed for mobilisation prior to contract commencement, will the contract award anticipated to be made towards the end of March 2022. It should be noted that any information provided on the University's current thinking as part of the market engagement exercise should be considered indicative in nature and no overall decision on the future solution, technical elements, or commercial approach has yet been agreed.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- IN - India

Main site or place of performance

New Delhi

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The University requires representation in India.

The purpose is to further develop and engage with the institution's network of contracted education agents in the South Asia region (India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka) and enquirers and applicants in the region to convert interested parties into recruited students. Related to the requirement for such recruitment, is the need for the successful party to seek appropriate partnership opportunities within the region.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 November 2022

End date

31 October 2026

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

21 January 2022

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Interested persons should register for the market engagement exercise via <https://esourcing.uclan.ac.uk/> to register as a supplier and express your interest in prj\_2096 International Recruitment and Partnerships Development and Support – New Delhi and complete the questionnaire. This will facilitate your involvement for the Pre-Market Engagement Day on 10th January 2022. Please ensure that you complete your registration no later than 6 January 2022. The market engagement day is an entirely virtual event. Please note that, when registering, you will be required to confirm whether you have an interest in bidding to provide this service, we may decline to register (or otherwise deny access to) persons that do not have a direct interest of this nature, in order to optimise the value and efficiency of the exercise. Interested persons should note that invitations to (and information on) subsequent events or activities (such as technical meetings and questionnaires) will be provided to those persons who have registered by following the instructions above. No further notice of those subsequent events will be given to the wider market. You are therefore encouraged to register as soon as possible, even where you may be unable to attend the Pre-Market Engagement Day or are unable to register until after that day. This form of notice and means of publication (a "prior information notice" on the Find a Tender service) has been used to ensure the widest potential advertising of the market engagement opportunity. The University is required to

advertise competitions on its website. The University reserves the right not to commence any competitive procurement process, either within the timescales referred to in this notice or at all. Where the University does commence a competitive procurement process, it reserves the right to advertise (or otherwise give notice of) that process in whatever way it deems fit at the time. This notice is not a formal request for expressions of interest. Participation or nonparticipation in this exercise will not confer any advantage or disadvantage on any person in respect of any future procurement activity. However, the results of the market engagement exercise (including any technical meetings and written questionnaire responses) may be used to shape and refine the proposition before any formal competitive procurement process commences. The University is not obliged to respond to any correspondence on this notice or any matter related to the market engagement exercise. Direct or indirect canvassing of the University (or any person connected with it) by any person concerning this market engagement exercise, or any attempt to procure information outside of the defined process is discouraged and may (in certain circumstances) require the disqualification of the relevant person(s) from participation in any future competitive procurement process.

Interested persons should note that: any costs of participation in the market engagement exercise will be borne by the participant; and all information provided by the University during the market engagement exercise is at an early stage of development and is not to be relied on by any person and the University, to the extent permitted by law, shall have no liability for any losses incurred by any person as a result such reliance.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

University of Central Lancashire

Procurement & Commercial Services

Preston

PR1 2HE

Country

United Kingdom