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Contract

Provision of External Audit Services Relating to Grant Funded Projects

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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MANCHESTER

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD33 - Manchester

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

UKPRN 10007798

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/manchesteruniversity/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of External Audit Services Relating to Grant Funded Projects

Reference number

2023/2065/EAGF/PU/MW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Manchester wishes to appoint an External Auditor to provide External Audit Services relating to externally funded grants. This appointment will commence late September 2023 and be for a period of 3 (three) years with the potential to extend for 2 (two) x 12 month periods.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD33 - Manchester

Main site or place of performance

The University of Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2023/2065/EAGF/PU/MW

Title

Provision of External Audit Services Relating to Grant Funded Projects

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CG LEE Ltd T/A LEES Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk

Companies House

04715326

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice of England

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers.

Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by the authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the Applicant was unsuccessful.

- If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must generally be brought within 3 months.

- If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where the authority has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months of the contract being entered into. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages.

- If the contract has been entered into the court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract is shortened.

The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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