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Award

Professional Corporate Sole Trustee (PCST) services for Aston University Pension Scheme (AUPS)

ASTON UNIVERSITY

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Professional Corporate Sole Trustee (PCST) services for the Aston University Pension Scheme (closed to future accrual). This will include Trustee services, pension administration, member communications, actuarial services, audit, governance, legal, covenant, investment management and monitoring advice.

Contract 1

Supplier

- ROSS TRUSTEES SERVICES LIMITED

Contract value

- £2,630,610 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 June 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66141000 - Pension fund management services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Adopting a Professional Corporate Sole Trustee (PCST) model to administer the Aston

University Pension Scheme has been determined to be the most efficient way to manage the legacy Defined Benefit pension scheme going forward while ensuring the integrity of the scheme, including funding position, ongoing administration and compliance with evolving TPR requirements is maintained. This is a relatively new approach in the market but it has been determined that minimising disruption and limiting risk during the current triennial valuation is the optimal outcome and that this was the only option whereby continuity of the current actuarial, investment and professional trustee services could be maintained while achieving efficiencies.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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