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Award

(NU/1846) Student Admissions System Phase 3

Newcastle University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

(NU/1846) Student Admissions System Phase 3

Reference number

DN644901

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle University will enter into a contract with Crimson to supply services as part of the Admissions System Project to support the Universities Admissions System and the 'Apply to Newcastle' Portal to maintain the Admissions application process.

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: £210,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Total number of call off days 240 to include but not exclusively or implicitly due to the Agile nature of the project

- Dashboards and Reporting
- Agent B2B enhancement
- Kanban items as specified based on business need
- Knowledge Engine
- Student Wellbeing integration
- Web Integration
- Delivery and BAU Support
- Training and BAU Handover

Support - BAU support of a maximum of 75 days over a 12 month period

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Intention to award a contract under UK Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 102 Part 2 Chapter 2

Section 3 Regulation 32(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) as Crimson are the current strategic delivery partner for the Admissions System and 'Apply to Newcastle Portal' and they have built the Admissions system. The University will not be moving away from this system and there is currently not another partner who could support the system. Crimson would have the capabilities to move the system into BAU for the University and ensure ongoing support of the system and the current business needs.

The award is lawful according to:

The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts,

public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:

1. competition is absent for technical reasons and.
2. the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

NU/1845

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 November 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Crimson Limited

2640 Kings Court, The Crescent, Birmingham Business Park

Birmingham

B37 7YE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £210,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the

contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who

have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) within 30 days of knowledge or constructive knowledge of breach.