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## **Provision of Improved Research Platform**

De Montfort University

F02: Contract notice

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

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

De Montfort University

The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH.

Leicester

LE1 9BH

#### **Contact**

Paul Whitehall, Category Manager ICT.

#### **Email**

[Paul.whitehall@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:Paul.whitehall@dmu.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.dmu.ac.uk](http://www.dmu.ac.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home>

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**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

Provision of Improved Research Platform

Reference number

1832/24

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

DMU is seeking an Improved Research Platform Solution to in part replace the current post-award research IT manual processes; and so, provide for a much more integrated overarching management of research that encompasses a post-award (LOT 1) and outputs and data repository (LOT 2) systems. The ambition is that the new IRP Solution will work as post-award research management system and an outputs and data repository system which will enable the provision of a more integrated end to end user journey, working with pre-award as an Improved Research Platform Solution at DMU. The new Solution made up of one or more new systems should also critically have the clear ability to interface with other DMU IT systems, as well as other acquired systems already embedded with DMU. Full details, including the full extent of Requirements can be found in the Invitation to Tender documentation at ['https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home'](https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home) for the Provision of Improved Research Platform, Ref. 1832.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,207,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Post Award Research Management System

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH.

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

DMU is seeking an Improved Research Platform (IRP) Solution to in part replace the current 'post-award' research IT manual processes; and so, provide for a much more integrated overarching management of research that encompasses a post-award research management system (LOT 1). The ambition is that the new IRP Solution will work as post-award research management system and an outputs & data repository system which will enable the provision of a more integrated end to end user journey, working with pre-award as an Improved Research Platform Solution at DMU. The new Solution made up of one or more new systems should also critically have the clear ability to interface with other DMU IT systems, as well as other acquired systems already embedded with DMU. The Requirements have been clearly separated for each of Lot 1 and 2 and these can be found as part of the Invitation to Tender documentation at '<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home>' for the 'Provision of Improved Research Platform', Ref. 1832/24. Tender responses may be submitted for one or both Lots.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £840,000

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

Start date

14 March 2025

End date

14 March 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option extensions of 2 + 2 +1 years are potentially possible under this Contract (at the sole discretion of the University) in addition to the above mentioned Initial Term of 5 years.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Further 2+2+1 years potentially available under the Contract beyond the Initial Term at the University's sole discretion.

**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.2.14) Additional information**

Refer to the Invitation to Tender documentation for all other information.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Outputs and Data Repository System

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH.

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

DMU is seeking an Improved Research Platform Solution to in part replace the current 'post-award' research IT manual processes; and so, provide for a much more integrated overarching management of research that encompasses an outputs & data repository (LOT 2) systems. The ambition is that the new IRP Solution will work as post-award research management system and an outputs & data repository system which will enable the provision of a more integrated end to end user journey, working with pre-award as an Improved Research Platform Solution at DMU. The new Solution made up of one or more new systems should also critically have the clear ability to interface with other DMU IT systems, as well as other acquired systems already embedded with DMU. The Requirements have been clearly separated for each of Lot 1 and 2 and these can be found as part of the Invitation to Tender documentation at ['https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home'](https://in-tendhost.co.uk/demontfort.aspx/Home) for the 'Provision of Improved Research Platform', Ref. 1832/24. Tender responses may be submitted for one or both Lots.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £367,000

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

Start date

14 March 2025

End date

14 March 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract contains the ability for further option extensions of 2+2+1 years at the University's sole discretion, beyond the above-mentioned Initial Term of 5 years.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Further 2+2+1 years available at the University's sole discretion beyond the Initial Term of 5 years.

**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.2.14) Additional information**

All other information to be found in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

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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.1.1) 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

27 November 2024

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 26 March 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

27 November 2024

Local time

5:00pm

Place

Tenders must be submitted electronically and no late Tenders will be accepted.

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

De Montfort University

The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH.

Leicester

DE7 8AA

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Further details to be obtained from the above mentioned address / contact.

