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Award

Postgraduate Student Virtual Internships

ASTON UNIVERSITY

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0552c2

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

ASTON UNIVERSITY

Aston Triangle

Birmingham

B47ET

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Royal Charter

RC000904

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Postgraduate Student Virtual Internships

Reference number

596

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The aim of the internship is to offer postgraduate students the opportunity to experience working with real companies in a field related to their career aspirations.

We are now expanding the scope of activity due to unforeseen reasons relating to demand for the scheme.

Please note the indicated value is based on an annual estimate of circa £410,500; this will be revisited in September 2025.

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: £410,500

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

See Short Description (above).

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This notice relates to a previous notice (2022/S 000-022739) published in 2022.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Due to unforeseen change in demand.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 September 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

Virtual Internship Partners Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

11234698

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: £410,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom