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Award

Virtual Learning Environment

CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b1db

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Virtual Learning Environment

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48190000 - Educational software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for the provision of the University's virtual learning environment.

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: £1,886,121

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Canterbury, Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is for the provision of a virtual learning environment for all CCCU students.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

The University has used the Blackboard virtual learning environment for many years. The current contract is due to expire but the University does not have the resource to undertake the implementation of a new system due to several existing, business critical IT projects. Blackboard is considered to be a stable platform and therefore is a low priority for limited IT resource. That resource has instead been directed to other vital IT systems which are considered to be a higher priority. The cost of change for a VLE would also be very high given the impact on 12,000+ students and c.1000 members of staff. In addition, a 12 month+ implementation period with considerable consultancy cost. For these reasons the University has decided to re-contract for a further five years with Anthology for the provision of the Blackboard system.

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

22 October 2024

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

Blackboard International B.V.

Databankweg 26

Amersfoort

3821AL

Country

Netherlands

NUTS code

- NL - Netherlands

Netherlands Chamber of Commerce

30170649

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,886,121

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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