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Planning

Pensions Defined Contribution Scheme

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwentrance_s.asp?PID=86802&B=NWUPC

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Sub-central contracting authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pensions Defined Contribution Scheme

Reference number

PFB3038 NW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66520000 - Pension services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NWUPC, supported by the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA), are notifying the market of our intention to establish a Framework Agreement for the following three areas:

Lot 1 - Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

Lot 2 - Group Life Assurance

Lot 3 - Flexible Benefits Platform

The framework agreement will be open to members of NWUPC, APUC, HEPCW, LUPC, NEUPC and SUPC. The agreement is planned to commence in April 2025.

The products under the three Lots will be available to HEI's alongside the existing pension schemes and risk benefits they offer. It will be open to each HEI to decide how they choose to use each product including which employees are able to take up each product.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Pensions Defined Contribution Scheme (Master Trust)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66131100 - Pension investment services
- 66141000 - Pension fund management services
- 66510000 - Insurance services
- 66511000 - Life insurance services
- 66512000 - Accident and health insurance services
- 66522000 - Group pension services
- 66523100 - Pension fund administration services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NWUPC, in conjunction with UCEA and UKUPC, are managing the establishment of a centrally procured Defined Contribution Pension Scheme (Master Trust). This lot will be open to any Higher Education Institution (HEI) to use alongside the existing pension schemes offered by HEIs. Please see the additional information available in the market engagement pack on the background to the requirement and the indicative scope.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Group Life Assurance

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66511000 - Life insurance services
- 66510000 - Insurance services
- 66512000 - Accident and health insurance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will be open to any Higher Education Institution (HEI) to use alongside lots 1 and/or 3 or in isolation. This lot is for the provision of a group life assurance scheme to complement existing and future benefits offered by HEIs. Please see the additional information available in the market engagement pack on the background to the requirement and the indicative scope.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Flexible Benefits Platform

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 75310000 - Benefit services
- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will be open to any Higher Education Institution (HEI) to use alongside lots 1 and/or 2 or in isolation. This lot is for the provision of a benefits platform which offers access to a variety of preferred benefit arrangements, covering key UK benefits through a flexible, pre-configured system. The benefit products within this lot will complement existing and future benefits offered by HEIs. Please see the additional information available in the market engagement pack on the background to the requirement and the indicative scope.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 December 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Additional information about this opportunity can be found in the information pack hosted on the EU Supply portal, link available at section 1.3.

NWUPC would like to understand the level of market interest in this future opportunity.

If you would like to register your interest and submit questions as part of this engagement process, please visit the following link by the 20th November 2024:

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/enp/pension-defined-contribution-scheme-pfb-3038-nw-pre-market-enga>