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Tender

External Audit Services

University of Sunderland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03925d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Sunderland

3rd Floor Edinburgh Building, Chester Road

Sunderland

SR1 3SD

Email

tenders@sunderland.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC23 - Sunderland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

External Audit Services

Reference number

UoS/External Audit/1222

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Sunderland is looking for an External Auditor to provide its services across a number of subsidiaries which operate nationally and internationally in Sunderland, London and Hong Kong. For clarity the audit covers the companies registered in England and Wales which includes the Sunderland and London campuses but does not include the Hong Kong campus. The emphasis of this tender is to appoint an appropriately qualified organisation with suitable experience of the financial services required and an innovative approach throughout the life of the contract. External audit services are expected to commence from June 2023, to run for 3 years, auditing from our financial year 2022/23 to 2024/25 with a possible 2 x 12 months extensions.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £875,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 60%

Cost criterion - Name: Costs / Weighting: 40%

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various Projects funded by EU or other

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

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

31 January 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

31 January 2023

Local time

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Sunderland

Procurement, Finance, Edinburgh Building, Chester Road

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SR1 3SD

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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