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Contract

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for CU Group

Coventry University

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-036076

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041d73

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Coventry University

Priory Street

COVENTRY

CV15FB

Email

bux280@coventry.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Companies House

07781274

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.coventry.ac.uk>

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

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for CU Group

Reference number

SC-1008-23-TH

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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:

protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

AQL is our primary datacentre, it would be significant business risk to rush into a plan to relocate the primary datacentre and network communication links. We decided to continue our existing relationship with AQL for the stability of datacentre services due to the current financial position of the university group and the pressures facing the education sector. Technology is also changing at a rapid pace which makes it difficult to accurately predict long term placement of services as we continue to adopt more cloud technology. The AQL service is to remain in place for the next 2 years while a formal review is undertaken of our datacentre requirements. Once this decision is made, the university will go through a formal tender process for these services for a longer term partnership agreement.

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: £455,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG33 - Coventry

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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

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AQ Ltd

Leeds

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Companies House

03663860

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £455,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Coventry University

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom