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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): ocids-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](mailto: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

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## **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

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-035112](#)

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Coventry University

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom