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## **Research Management System**

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UKE21 - York

**UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)**

10007167

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.york.ac.uk](http://www.york.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**

Research Management System

Reference number

UY PROC 1141

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48190000 - Educational software package

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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#### **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: £900,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKE21 - York

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

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

This is a 5 year agreement with two further optional extensions of 24 months each. I.e. a total possible contract period of nine years. The contract sum gives the value of the contract for the total nine year period.

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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

Explanation:

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#### 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2015/S 249-455758](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

UY PROC 1141

### Title

Research Management System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 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**

Worktribe Ltd

Bristol

BS8 3NB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Companies House

04576074

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: £900,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The university reserves the right to add modules produced and or developed by the vendor which are linked and or aligned to the subject matter of the contract during the term of the contract. This will be in addition to the published contract sum.

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

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

Legal Services - University of York

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United Kingdom