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Planning

Practice Research Infrastructure

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER

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Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Email

procurement@westminster.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Companies House

00977818

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.westminster.ac.uk

Buyer's address

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

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

Practice Research Infrastructure

Reference number

DN749344

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Westminster is seeking indicative cost estimates, to inform funding bids, from potential technology partner(s) who are interested in and capable of working in co-design with the community to build an innovative national practice research infrastructure

Potential projects would follow a phased approach, over three years, starting with the implementation of a basic infrastructure and scaling up subject to additional investment.

As such, the requirements focus on the core infrastructure and assume using existing open-source platforms. This basic infrastructure must have the potential to scale up in size, functionality and number of users.

We anticipate an integrated component-based approach to the infrastructure that encapsulates the potential for, firstly, the capture and dissemination and, ultimately, the preservation of content.

We anticipate that there is an opportunity for partnerships working across more than one supplier,

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 November 2025

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

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III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

30 June 2025

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Westminster

London

Country

United Kingdom