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## **RealStaffing - Product Owner**

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Edgbaston

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Companies House**

RC000645

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

RealStaffing - Product Owner

Reference number

SC1327/24

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

Provision of a Product Owner for Research

Information System (RIS) and Transforming

Student Acquisition Programme (TSAP)for the

University of Birmingham

#### **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: £288,990

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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

RealStaffing were engaged due to their specialism in, and ability to, provide high calibre interim technologists with Higher Education (HE) domain experience at short notice; something a more generalising recruitment partner would not be able to do. The urgency of the planning and demand horizons for these resources meant that the usual procurement processes could not be followed and RealStaffing already have over three years' experience of working with The University of Birmingham (UoB).

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

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

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:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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new provider. The time required to bring another supplier up to this level of understanding would be significant, leading to delays in the initiatives timeline(s) and associated impact on milestones.

Retaining this partnership ensures continuity and minimises the time loss that would otherwise be incurred through an extensive onboarding and training period with a new vendor.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

27 November 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**

SThree Partnership LLP

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

OC387148

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: £288,990

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

University of Birmingham

Edgbaston

Country

United Kingdom