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Award

Financial Management System Migration to Cloud

Loughborough University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Financial Management System Migration to Cloud

Reference number

LU00950

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This notice covers the University's move from the existing on premise financial management system to a cloud solution.

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: £1,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Main site or place of performance

Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This covers the migration of the University's existing financial management system to a cloud solution. Unit4 made a formal announcement that they were migrating their ERP system to the cloud. The current on-premise solution being provided to the University is no longer going to be available and they have put specific and unmovable deadlines in place to migrate. The University is therefore planning a transition from the Unit4 on-premise solution to the updated cloud offering.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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

Explanation:

Unit4 is migrating its on-premise ERP solution to the Cloud, providing their current customers with tight deadlines for which the on-premise solution will no longer be supported. Unit4's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system is currently being used by the entire University for the management of all financial activity including: Core Financial Processes, Core Accounting, Logistics - Procurement, Sales Orders and Invoicing, Projects, Reporting and Management Information, Data, Research Costing and Pricing. In addition to this there are around 50 integrations and around 150 customisations on the current system. Taking the above into account highlights how the ERP application is business critical IT infrastructure and linked to both staff and student facing activities; it is essential to the running of the University. It is therefore not currently viable in terms of the timescales provided along with the amount of personnel resource and financial budget required, to change the provider of the system. At the present time it would be impossible for the University to procure an alternative economic operator (including thorough analysis of stakeholder requirements, developing a high level solution design, developing a detailed specification, determining procurement strategy, undertaking market assessment, due diligence, going to tender and awarding) followed by the subsequent implementation, provide the full range of services and train all University users. It has been concluded that the timeline does not allow for change without detrimentally impacting the operations of the University. The University's award of this contract directly to Unit4 is duly justified in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. On the basis of the above facts, the University is of the view that competition is absent for technical reasons. The proposed Contract term is 5 years with no further extension options. The planned award date is 17 December 2024.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

LU00950

Title

Financial Management System Migration to Cloud

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 December 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

Unit4 Business Software Limited

c/o Dac Beachroft Llp Portwall Place, Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 9HS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

01737985

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,400,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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