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The University of Cumbria Enterprise Resource Planning Application System

University of Cumbria

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKD12 - East Cumbria

Companies House

06033238

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cumbria.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

The University of Cumbria Enterprise Resource Planning Application System

Reference number

DA25-15

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Cumbria intend to enter a contract with Unit 4 in respect of the services described below. The proposed contract is for a 3-year term.

The Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning application is the system used by the entire university for the management and control of its finances and administration of its core financial operations.

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: £357,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48442000 - Financial systems software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Unit4 Enterprise Resource Planning application is the system used by the entire university for the management and control of its finances and administration of its core financial operations.

The application is essential IT infrastructure as it provides accounting and reporting functionality, enabling budget allocation and management across the university. Included in the contract is the purchase of the Finance Planning and Analytics module.

Unit 4 have taken the decision to migrate its on-premises ERP solution to the cloud. The critical nature of this infrastructure and the interdependencies with multiple existing systems mean that it is not viable to change provider of this system as, at the present time, it would not be possible for the University to procure an alternative economic operator to implement the solution, provide the full range of services and train all University users, within a suitable timeframe and without detrimentally impacting the operations of the University.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

At the present time it would be impossible for the University to procure an alternative economic operator to implement the solution, provide the full range of services and train all University users, within a suitable timeframe and without detrimentally impacting the operations of the University.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

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

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

5 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

Unit 4 Business Software

Bristol

BS1 9HS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

Companies House

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: £357,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom