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Contract

Office for Students: Framework for the Assessment of Financial Risk and Transformation Planning at Higher Education Providers

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F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Office for Students: Framework for the Assessment of Financial Risk and Transformation Planning at Higher Education Providers

Reference number

PRN2113

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The OfS is seeking to procure capacity to undertake financial risk and transformation planning assessments of HE providers. The objective is to evaluate the financial health and the management and governance capability of HE providers to ensure that the interests of students are safeguarded throughout any financial adjustments or transition, including potential market exits. Suppliers will be expected to deliver high quality evaluations that support the OfS in maintaining a robust and sustainable HE sector. Potential suppliers will be asked to set out an example roadmap and delivery plan for a case study as part of the framework tendering process. The OfS intends to award a framework of suppliers.

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: £4,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of the requirements / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to deliver / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

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

Open procedure

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: [2024/S 000-023646](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

PRN2113

Title

Framework for the Assessment of Financial Risk and Transformation Planning at Higher Education Providers

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 15

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

7 More London Place

London

SE1 2RT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

OC303525

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BDO LLP

55 Baker Street

London

W1U 7EU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

OC305127

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KPMG LLP

15 Canada Square, Canary Wharf

London

E14 5GL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

OC301540

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Teneo Financial Advisory Limited

The Carter Building, 11 Pilgrim Street

London

EC4V 6RN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

13192958

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Deloitte LLP

1 New Street Square

London

EC4A 3HQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

National registration number

OC303675

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £4,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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