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Contract

The University of Cumbria Enterprise Resource Planning Application System

University of Cumbria

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c2ab

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Cumbria

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Country

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 contract is for a 3-year term.

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.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Unit 4 Business Software - The application is essential IT infrastructure as it provides accounting and reporting functionality, enabling budget allocation and management across the university. It is also the system that manages our expenses, both staff and

student, procurement, accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger and commitment accounting. Existing systems have been procured historically as they have integration with Unit4 ERP. 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.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

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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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

The University of Cumbria Enterprise Resource Planning Application System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Unit 4 Business Software

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

01737985

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: £357,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £357,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

VEAT Notice completed

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom