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Award

Provision of Technical Services to the High Temperature Research Centre

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Provision of Technical Services to the High Temperature Research Centre

Reference number

SC13373/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71356000 - Technical services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice of the University of Birmingham's intention to award a contract.

The University has a High Temperature Research Centre (HTRC) on the Ansty Research Park in Coventry adjacent to the Manufacturing Technology Centre in which it already has a stake. HTRC is a collaborative project with a major partner (Rolls Royce).

On the 15 April 2015, the University and The Manufacturing Technology Centre Limited entered into a

five year collaboration agreement for the provision of technical services to the University's High Temperature

Research Centre ("HTRC") in Ansty. The University and The Manufacturing Technology Centre

Limited extended the collaborative relationship for a further five year period from 3 November 2019

and the Parties now wish to further extend the collaborative relationship on the terms of this agreement.

The University and Rolls-Royce have analysed the

aims and objectives of the HTRC, its various

manufacturing processes, anticipated research

programme schedule and estimated workload and

component volumes. An options appraisal has

concluded that a contract for services for the provision

of the technical staff resource required to support all

the research activities in the HTRC facility a period of ten (10) years is required, commencing 3 November 2024.

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: £30,391,540

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

Ansty Research Park, Coventry

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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:

The award of this contract without prior publication does not require a full OJEU tender process on the following basis:

the requirement for technical staff presents several challenges:

- The contract is required to provide a full 'service' provision including recruitment, generic training (including HSE, induction, quality), line management, workshop support services including goods in/out, material and equipment stores, general workshop maintenance and housekeeping tasks, workshop administration, HSE support, providing general workwear and basic PPE (non-process-specific).
- The contractor will be responsible for the provision of suitably trained Workshop Technicians who can cover planned and unplanned absences (holidays, sickness, training) and providing cover for leavers, whilst post is

vacant and/or backfill staff are in training.

- The contractor will also be responsible for providing a part time Workshop Manager, a part-time Workshop Support Technician, a part time Workshop Administrator and a part-time NEBOSH General Certificate qualified H&S representative.
- The contractor needs to be ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 accredited.
- The contractor is responsible for providing the agreed deliverables of the service contract including the planning and preparation prior to the centre opening and during the initial post-opening period of development and growth.
- Technicians need to specialise in at least one of the following HTRC processes: Core, Wax, Shell, Cast, Chemical Leach, Finish (abrasive blast, emery dress), Measurement and Inspection, Laboratories.
- Technicians will be required to cross-skill in order to support other technicians.
- Technicians will be variable work type and flow - research and pre-production (Technology Readiness Levels 3-6), steady-state (one shift / 5 days per week)

and fast-make (two shifts / 6-7 days per week).

- Technicians will be operating, servicing, maintaining and repairing equipment, as well as training research staff and postgraduate students in the use of equipment.

- Technicians will be required to undergo extensive off-site training required for first 6 months in role, requiring them to stay away during the week for up to 6-months whilst working in Rolls-Royce manufacturing facilities.

- Technicians will be part of a small team that needs the flexibility to meet fast-make demands and to cover planned and unplanned absence

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

SC13373/24

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 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

The Manufacturing Technology Centre Limited

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG33 - Coventry

Companies House

The Manufacturing Technology Centre Limited

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: £30,391,540

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Birmingham

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom