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Award

Twin Education Placements VEAT

Oxford Brookes University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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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**

Twin Education Placements VEAT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Oxford Brookes University plans to directly award a contract to Twin Education under Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Twin Education offers a unique, tailored placement service for international students that supports the university's strategic goals.

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: £290,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire
- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Twin Education provides a unique capability and a flexible and enhanced placement service for international students that aligns with the University's strategic objective to grow student recruitment and improve placement outcomes.

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:

Oxford Brookes University intends to award this contract directly to Twin Education under Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Twin Education provides a unique capability and a flexible and enhanced placement service for international students that aligns with the University's strategic objective to grow student recruitment and improve placement outcomes.

Twin Education's extensive network and its established partnerships have proven its capability for securing high placement rates. It offers a bespoke solution that no other supplier has been able to offer or replicate. An open procurement process could risk exposing sensitive details of the university's recruitment and placement strategies, potentially undermining its competitive position and market growth efforts. As such, this direct award ensures the timely and effective implementation of a critical new entry point and placement approach, essential for achieving targeted recruitment and financial viability.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

20 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

Twin Group

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £290,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Oxford Brookes University

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom