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Award

The provision of a similarity detection system

THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

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Scope

Reference

EXP/1666

Description

This contract is for the provision of an originality/plagiarism detection technology to maintain capability and technical continuity to deliver content checks at point of submission and must integrate with Ulster's Learning Management System and historical data.

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Supplier

- Turnitin, LLC

Contract value

- £200,764 excluding VAT
- £240,916.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland
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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

This Direct Award to a single supplier is justified on the grounds set out under paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule 5 of Procurement Act 2023 where the following conditions are met in relation to

the public contract

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Paragraph 5

(a) due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Paragraph 6

(a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

THE UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

- Companies House: RC000726
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDLT-6268-MWZV

Finance Office

Coleraine

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Region: UKN0C - Causeway Coast and Glens

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland