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Award

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group

Coventry University

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-059c16

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Coventry University

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Coventry

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG33 - Coventry

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.coventry.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

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group

Reference number

SC-1008-23-TH

II.1.2) Main CPV code

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

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group.

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: £250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Colocation datacentre facility to host services for the CU Group.

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:

AQ (Limited) will continue to provide Coventry University's primary datacentre for one further year, it would be significant business risk to rush into a plan to relocate the primary datacentre and network communication links in the next 12 months. Coventry University have decided to continue our existing relationship with AQ (Limited) for the stability of datacentre services due to the current financial position of the university group and the pressures facing the education sector.

Technology is also changing at a rapid pace which makes it difficult to accurately predict long term placement of services as we continue to adopt more cloud technology.

The AQL service is to remain in place for the next 12 months whilst a new supplier, CDW Limited, is onboarded to provide co-location services, A procurement process has been conducted and a contract has been awarded to CDW Limited to provide co-location and all Infrastructure strategic services.

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

27 August 2025

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

AQ (Limited)

13-15 Hunslet Road

Leeds

LS10 1JQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Coventry University

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom