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Specialist technical advice for the proposed merger between the University of Kent and the University of Greenwich

The University Of Kent

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Scope

Reference

MR25_006

Description

The scope of work will involve an independent business review of the combined business case and financial plan, assessing strategic rationale, governance, operating model, research, estates, IT, and funding requirements. This is an engagement commissioned by UoK with three main clients - UoK, Greenwich, and the DfE, as well as informing the European Investment Bank. Due to the commissioning arrangements whereby UoK leads on behalf of three entities including UoK.

Contract 1. Specialist technical advice for the proposed merger between the University of Kent and the University of Greenwich

Supplier

- PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Contract value

- £605,000 excluding VAT
- £726,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

14 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 November 2025 to 31 December 2025
- 1 month, 17 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66170000 - Financial consultancy, financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

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 is a new, innovative requirement for a proposed merger of two institutions to create a

new Educational institution. There is no past precedent for a merger of this scale or size. PWC have worked with the EIB, a lender to the University on similar historic matters and have the historical, sector, and technical knowledge required.

Supplier

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWXM-5926-GWLN

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

The University Of Kent

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10007150
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYN-9654-JPQJ

The Registry,

Canterbury

CT2 7NZ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@kent.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/>

Region: UKJ44 - East Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

Summary of their role in this procurement: Proposed merger

- Companies House: 00986729
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPJL-2485-DZGH

Old Royal Naval College

Greenwich

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Region: UKI51 - Bexley and Greenwich

Contact organisation

Contact The University Of Kent for any enquiries.