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Tender

## **Migration and Support of the UWS Website (Web Hosting Services)**

University of the West of Scotland

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05dba3

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.uws.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00473](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00473)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Migration and Support of the UWS Website (Web Hosting Services)

Reference number

UWS-2025-164

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72222300 - Information technology services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The University of the West of Scotland (UWS) seeks proposals from suitably qualified suppliers for the migration of the UWS website (Umbraco 13) to a cloud-based infrastructure. The objective of this project is to improve performance, maintainability, resilience, and security of the University's digital presence.

Please note that Embraco 13 is coming to the end of life (October 2026) and there will be no further support for that product after this date.

UWS has defined a Technical Design Architecture (TDA) and associated requirements for this migration. This tender request sets out those requirements in detail and invites suppliers to propose a delivery approach, costs, and support framework.

The specification outlines the current technical infrastructure, but equivalent solutions will be acceptable.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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The successful supplier will be responsible for delivering a reliable, secure, and resilient hosting solution via a Cloud Solution Provider (currently Microsoft Azure). The supplier will be expected to:

- Design and implement the agreed solution architecture.
- Provide necessary automation for deployment and infrastructure management.
- Configure security, monitoring, and disaster recovery.
- Deliver supporting documentation and knowledge transfer to UWS staff.
- Support testing, launch, and post-launch assurance.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

optional 12 month extension

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to Question 4B.5 of the SPD and Economic and Financial Standing section of the Contract Notice. Tenderers must confirm that they can provide the following supporting evidence prior to award:

- Employers Liability – 5,000,000 GBP
- Public Liability – 15,000,000 GBP
- Professional Indemnity - 5,000,000 GBP
- Cyber Insurance - 1,000,000 GBP

To demonstrate and evidence suitable economic standing, the successful Contractor will be required to provide 2 years audited accounts, or equivalent if awarded the contract.

Alternatively, if the Contractor is unable to provide the required accounting information, e.g. due to being a new business, then they will be required to provide a banker's letter demonstrating their willingness to support the Contractor's organisation over the term of the contract.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

8 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

8 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

PCSt

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 61321.  
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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