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Contract

Sustainable Merchandise

University Of Edinburgh

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Sustainable Merchandise

Reference number

NCA21351

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition for the supply of clothing items for our retail units across the University Estate.

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: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories
- 18400000 - Special clothing and accessories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University of Edinburgh is committed to advancing its sustainability agenda by sourcing bespoke, fully circular clothing lines for sale across both its physical and online retail channels. These new product ranges will replace existing items that fall short of the University's circular economy standards, ensuring that every garment is designed, produced, and reintroduced into the supply cycle responsibly.

Teemill has been identified as the sole supplier for this requirement, offering a unique, end-to-end sustainable clothing solution that aligns with the University's environmental and ethical objectives. Teemill's circular production model enables every garment to be returned at the end of its life, broken down into raw materials, and remade into new products, which is a key distinction from comparable suppliers.

Teemill also allow the University to buy in bulk and order when required through fulfilment-

on-demand. By sourcing these garments in bulk, the University not only meets key sustainability, waste reduction, and circular economy objectives but also benefits from direct supply efficiencies that drive meaningful cost savings. In addition, Teemill's Print-on-Demand service for the University gift shop allows a wider range of clothing lines to be offered without upfront inventory commitments. This model both broadens our sustainable product portfolio and enhances overall cost efficiency.

By appointing Teemill the University will achieve the following:

- Full circularity is embedded across all retail clothing lines, creating a closed-loop system that turns end-of-life garments into new products.
- Operational efficiencies and cost-savings through bulk buying and fulfilment-on-demand
- Enhanced flexibility and innovation via Teemill's Print-on-Demand service, which expands the product range without requiring upfront inventory investment.

This contract will ensure that the University of Edinburgh not only meets but exceeds its sustainability and circular economy goals—delivering high-quality, ethically produced garments while reinforcing its leadership in environmental responsibility within the higher education sector.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 0

Price - Weighting: 100

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Teemill will be awarded the 'Sustainable Merchandise' contract without prior publication of a call for competition, as they are uniquely positioned as the only supplier capable of meeting our sustainability requirements and delivering a fully circular economy model for materials. They are a distinctive provider within the clothing sector, offering a range of benefits to the University that are not available from existing suppliers or alternative sources.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Teemill Tech LTD

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Freshwater

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sherrif Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH11LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Edinburgh Sherrif Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Edinburgh Sherrif Court

27 Chambers Street

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