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Award

## Finance System Cloud Migration

Cardiff Metropolitan University

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### Scope

### Reference

ITT/25/37

### Description

In October 2023, Unit4 announced the end-of-life for on-premise support with effect from 31 December 2024 for all its customers globally as part of its Software as a Service [SAAS] product strategy. The December 2024 deadline was extended for the University until December 2025 at which point we are required to commit to upgrade and migrate to a fully cloud-based solution by December 2026 or purchase a new ERP/Finance system.

The Unit4 software is core to the financial operations of the University having been originally procured in 1999. It is fully embedded throughout the organisational infrastructure for the management and operation of the University's finances and is currently supported on premise. The announcement to end on-premise support from Unit 4 was completely unforeseeable by the University and as a consequence of this the University does not have enough time to fully procure a brand-new ERP/Finance System and undertake a fully competitive procurement process, test and implement new software from an alternative provider and train the workforce in the timeframes outlined by Unit 4.

Changing providers in this timeframe would cause the University immense technical difficulties, introduce new complexities and have additional financial implications.

It is the University's opinion therefore that a direct award to Unit4 is compliant with the Procurement Act 2023 as outlined in section 41 (5) (d). The justifications for this, are twofold

1) technical difficulties as outlined in Schedule 5 section 7b

2) extreme and unavoidable urgency as outlined in Schedule 5 section 13

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## **Contract 1. Finance System Upgrade and Cloud Migration**

### **Supplier**

- Unit4 Business Software Ltd

### **Contract value**

- £865,000 excluding VAT
- £1,038,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

26 November 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 10 December 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

17 December 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2031
- 6 years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 48441000 - Financial analysis software package
- 48443000 - Accounting software package
- 48442000 - Financial systems software package
- 48444000 - Accounting system

### **Contract locations**

- UKL2 - East Wales

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Direct award

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## Supplier

### Unit4 Business Software Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRP-7679-QVJG

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Email: [bids.UKI@unit4.com](mailto:bids.UKI@unit4.com)

Region: UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

### Cardiff Metropolitan University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPNB-5569-JLHH

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales