

United Kingdom-Bristol: Higher education services
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Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Higher Education Funding Council for England

Postal address: Lime Kiln Close, Stoke Gifford

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS34 8SR

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: procurement@hefce.ac.uk

Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Home>

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3. Main activity

Education

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Official name: Welsh Funding Council (Lots 3, 5, 6 and possibly Lots 1, 2 and 4 from August 2017) Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland (Lots 1 to 6) Scottish Funding Council (Lots 5 and 6)

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title

Invitation to Tender for Quality Assessment Services.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 24: Education and vocational education services

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

II.1.4. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

This is a notice for social and specific services in accordance with Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of The Council and is for higher education services.

HEFCE has a statutory duty to ensure that the quality of education is assessed in the institutions it funds or is considering funding. The services covered by this tender will support a revised operating model for quality assessment and will include:

- Review visits to test a provider's ability to meet baseline regulatory requirements;
- Verification of a provider's methodology for its own internal review process;
- Support for governing bodies to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities for academic governance;
- Investigations, where serious concerns about a provider have been raised;
- Exploration of approaches to the training of external examiners and to the calibration of standards;
- Support for strategic engagement with international higher education developments and the review of UK providers' activities overseas.

The services will be required to be delivered to locations across England and Northern Ireland. Some services may also be delivered to locations in Wales and/or Scotland.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

80300000 Higher education services

II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.2. Total value of the contract/lot

II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot

Value: 7 389 931 GBP
excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Open

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

PAN441/442/443/444/445/446/111/G0030

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

Section V: Award of contract

Lot No: 1

- Lot title: Gateway into the Higher Education System

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

11.5.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

Postal address: Southgate House

Town: Gloucester

Postal code: GL1 1UB

Country: United Kingdom

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 2 262 135 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Lot No: 2

- Lot title: Verification of provider's approach to its own review processes

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

11.5.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

Postal address: Southgate House, Southgate Street

Town: Gloucester

Postal code: GL1 1UB

Country: United Kingdom

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 669 972 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Lot No: 3

- Lot title: Support for Governing Bodies

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

11.5.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The Leadership Foundation for Higher Education

Postal address: Peer House, 8-14 Verulam Street

Town: London

Postal code: WC1X 8LZ

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 176 453 GBP

Including VAT. VAT rate (%) 20

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Lot No: 4

- Lot title: Unsatisfactory Quality Investigations (UQI)

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

11.5.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

Postal address: Southgate House, Southgate Street

Town: Gloucester

Postal code: GL1 1UB

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 487 195 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Lot No: 5

- Lot title: Degree Standards

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

11.5.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The Higher Education Academy

Postal address: Innovation Way, York Science Park, Heslington

Town: York

Postal code: YO10 5BR

Country: United Kingdom

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 2 845 425 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Lot No: 6

- Lot title: International Activities

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

11.5.2016

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

Postal address: Southgate House, Southgate Street

Town: Gloucester

Postal code: GL1 1UB

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the procurement:

Value: 952 280 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:

no

VI.2. Additional information

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

Official name: Quality Assurance Agency, Lot 1 Only

Postal address: Southgate House

Town: Gloucester

Postal code: GL1 1UB

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/AboutUs/Documents/QRV-Appeals-Procedure-2016>

VI.3.2. Review procedure

VI.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice

19.1.2017