

United Kingdom-Riccarton: Financial auditing services
OJ S 15/2020 22/01/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Heriot Watt University

Postal address: Moyen House, Research Park North, Heriot-Watt University

Town: Riccarton, Edinburgh

NUTS code: UKM75 Edinburgh, City of

Postal code: EH14 4AP

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: victoria.kulczycki@hw.ac.uk

Telephone: +44 1314514446

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://hw.ac.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00307

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

External Audit Services

Reference number: HWU/1885

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79212100 Financial auditing services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The University has a requirement to appoint external auditors to report on financial statements of both the university and its subsidiary companies.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 485 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79212100 Financial auditing services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM75 Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance: Edinburgh.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The primary role of the external auditors will be to report on the financial statements of the University and to carry out whatever examination of the statements and underlying records and control systems is necessary to reach their opinion on the statements.

Additionally, the external auditors shall report that funds from whatever source administered by the Group or the University for specific purposes have been properly applied to those purposes and, if relevant, managed in accordance with relevant legislation and any other terms and conditions attached to them; and that those provided by the SFC have been applied in accordance with the financial memorandum and the mandatory requirements.

The scope of the external audit service must include the whole of the Heriot-Watt Group, which includes the following active subsidiary companies:

- Heriot-Watt University Malaysia Sdn Bhd,
- Heriot-Watt Services Ltd, and
- Heriot-Watt Trading Ltd.

The University intends to appoint a single supplier but reserves the right to appoint a further firm or firms of auditors for specialist matters, where a substantial matter, project or transaction is contemplated or in any matter where the University believes that a conflict of interests may otherwise arise.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service delivery / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Account management and personnel / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Additional services / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Presentation / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Knowledge and experience of contract delivery / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 20

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

II.2.14. Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2019/S 201-488724](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: HWU/1885

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

18/12/2019

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Official name: Ernst and Young

Postal address: 5 George Square, Glasgow

Town: Glasgow

NUTS code: UKM Scotland

Postal code: G2 1DY

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 485 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

- economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015,
- tenderers will be asked to submit the following forms. These forms are for information only and will not be scored.
 - form of tender;
 - Bona Fide tender;
 - freedom of information;
 - supply chain code of conduct;
 - parent company guarantee (if applicable).
- the successful contractor must confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015,
- a parent company guarantee will be required if the organisation is a private or public company and the tenderer is a subsidiary company, or for any subsidiary companies that are members of a consortium,
- the successful contractor will be required to provide 2 years audited accounts, or equivalent prior to awarded to the contract, or confirm in their tender submission the publicly accessible, free, online location of accounts if available in such a format. There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the Contractor's economic and financial standing,
- where the capability and capacity of a subcontractor, members of a consortia or any other body will be relied on, separate ESPD(s) are required from each of those other parties relied on,
- where subcontractors are to be used but their capability and capacity are not relied on, the University may choose to request separate ESPD(s).

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, which came into force on 1.1.2005, designates Heriot-Watt University as a Scottish public authority and therefore subject to the provisions and obligations in that Act. This means that any person who makes a valid request for information held by the University will be entitled to receive it, unless all or part of that information can be withheld by virtue of the exemptions in that Act. As part of our responsibility under the Act, the University may be required to disclose any information held relating to your response to anyone who makes a request under that Act. Such information may only be withheld if it meets one or more of the exemptions or conditions in that Act. Even if an exemption is available the University may nevertheless disclose requested information. Information held cannot simply be classified as 'confidential' or 'commercial in confidence' to enable it to be protected from disclosure.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Town: Edinburgh

Postal code: EH1 1LB

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <http://hw.ac.uk>

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

21/01/2020