

UK-Bristol: research consultancy services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Higher Education Funding Council for England

Postal address: Northavon House

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS16 1QD

Country: United Kingdom

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Home>

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

**Additional information can be obtained from:**

Official name: Higher Education Funding Council for England

Postal address: Northavon House

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS16 1QD

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Home>

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

Official name: Higher Education Funding Council for England

Postal address: Northavon House

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS16 1QD

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Tenders/Current>

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** Official name: Higher Education Funding Council for England

Postal address: Northavon House

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS16 1QD

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Tenders/Current>

**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**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: no

Section II: Object of the contract

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## **II.1. Description**

### **II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Research into the feasibility of developing a student satisfaction survey of taught postgraduate higher education courses.

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

Services  
NUTS code

### **II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The notice involves a public contract

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

HEFCE is seeking to appoint contractors to assess the feasibility of conducting a survey of postgraduate taught students, and if the evidence suggests such a survey is feasible, to undertake a short pilot survey at a small number of higher education institutions.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

73210000 Research consultancy services

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

This research will consider the feasibility, design and options for conducting a survey of UK, EU and international students studying postgraduate taught (PGT) courses at UK institutions. The work should include consultation with postgraduate student representatives, University staff and other agencies with an interest in the taught postgraduate life-cycle. If the evidence shows that such a survey would be feasible to conduct and that the information it returns would be useful to prospective PGT students, then a short pilot study would need to be conducted at a small number of higher education institutions across the UK. The final report to HEFCE should provide an analysis of the feasibility of conducting a national PGT survey, and if such a survey is deemed to be feasible, the report should provide scrutiny of the benefits and limitations of such a survey and include recommendations on how the full survey could be run.

### **II.2.2. Information about options**

### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Start 14.6.2012. Completion 7.12.2012

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

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

#### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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

Open

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

### **IV.2. Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

### **IV.3. Administrative information**

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

**IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

**IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 20.5.2012

Payable documents: no

**IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

21.5.2012

**IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

**IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

**IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

**IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 21.5.2012

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

**VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

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

no

**VI.3. Additional information**

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

**VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

3.4.2012