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**United Kingdom-London: Information systems and servers
2019/S 073-173439**

Contract award notice

Results of the procurement procedure

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code: UKI

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/procurement/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type: University — UCL is not a Contracting Authority or a body governed by public law as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and places this advertisement voluntarily

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Research Data Repository
Reference number: UCL-PROC-554

II.1.2) Main CPV code

48800000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

This is a Contract Award Notice — UCL was seeking repository solution providers/integrators to develop a robust central research data repository solution. UCL required a centrally-administered Research Data

Repository solution into which UCL researchers can deposit non-sensitive research data, along with descriptive metadata, in order to enable the storage, curation, discovery of, and access to, that data over long time periods (10 years+). UCL anticipates that it will store the underlying research data on UCL hardware. In the future data storage may be outsourced to a 3rd-party offering tiered storage, potentially via JISC. In addition to UCL staff, honorary staff at other institutions or non-UCL staff may wish to deposit data if they are working on a project with a UCL principal investigator. The discovery and download interface should be publicly accessible, although access to some datasets may be restricted.

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7) **Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: 727 000.00 GBP / Highest offer: 6 702 000.00 GBP taken into consideration

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

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II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKI

Main site or place of performance:
UCL.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

UCL currently has a Research Data Storage solution which stores data for active research projects, but lacks an effective mechanism for data preservation, discovery, and access beyond the length of the research project. It is intended that the research data repository solution will be integrated with the existing Research Data Storage Solution and with UCL network infrastructure. UCL would like to work with repository solution providers/integrators to develop a robust central research data repository solution that will meet UCL's requirement outlined in the tender. UCL requires a centrally-administered research data repository solution into which UCL researchers can deposit non-sensitive research data, along with descriptive metadata, in order to enable the storage, curation, discovery of, and access to, that data over long time periods (10 years+). UCL anticipates that it will store the underlying research data held in the repository on UCL hardware, although it is open to alternative suggestions. In the future it is anticipated that data storage may be outsourced to a 3rd-party service provider offering tiered storage, potentially via an arrangement with JISC. It is not envisaged that this will be for the next couple of years though. In addition to UCL staff, honorary staff at other institutions or non-UCL staff may wish to deposit data if they are working on a project with a UCL Principal Investigator. The discovery and download interface should be publicly accessible, although access to some datasets may be restricted.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

It is anticipated that the solution will develop and grow over time. UCL reserve the right to purchase additional modules, hosting and data storage services, further developments, upgrades or versions as it sees fit.

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**

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.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2018/S 023-048881](#)

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: UCL-PROC-554

Title:

Research Data Repository

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2) **Award of contract**

V.2.1) **Date of conclusion of the contract:**

20/07/2018

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor**

Digital Science and Research Solutions Inc.

99 612 737 729

Massachusetts

MA 02139

United States

NUTS code: 00

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 750 000.00 GBP

Lowest offer: 727 000.00 GBP / Highest offer: 6 702 000.00 GBP taken into consideration

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

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VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

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VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

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

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

09/04/2019