

Dear solution provider

**RE: Preliminary market consultation: ITS067 - IT Consultancy - Enterprise Service Bus/data integration**

**Introduction**

Leeds Trinity University ( a small University, with about 300 FTE staff, and about 3,500 students ) is embarking on a project to select and implement an Enterprise Service Bus/data integration layer which could facilitate secure, scalable and automated transfer of key data between various corporate information systems.

Our initial priority is to enable automated data transfer between our Student Management System (Tribal SITS), and our VLE (Moodle) – but we are interested in a solution which could be used for other system integrations in future.

We are looking to procure consultancy services to provide us with expert advice on the optimal approach and technology options, and potentially to support the implementation of the chosen solution.

We anticipate that there will be two initial phases in this project, and we are interested in exploring consultancy options and potential costs for both. Suggested deliverables are listed below, but we are open to recommendations on this:-

**Consultancy and design phase**

* Reviewing the existing technology landscape and data integration arrangements at LTU
* Proposing an optimal strategy and approach for future data integration services between key corporate systems
* Specification and costing of options for the underpinning technical architecture to support the proposed approach
* Recommendations for a future ‘Business As Usual’ support model - to maintain the implemented solution once in place
* A high level project plan for implementing the proposed solution

**Implementation phase - SITS/Moodle integration**

* Analysis of ‘as is’ business processes involving the exchange of data between SITS and Moodle systems
* Proposal for the ‘to be’ state – including recommended solution and changes to the current business processes
* Implementation of the technical solution
* Training for internal staff
* Project management

**Responding**

Please confirm your interest by e-mail to Mark Hayter, Head of Procurement (m.hayter@leedstrinity.ac.uk) before noon 6th September 2021

Although not mandatory to do so, we would appreciate your expression of interest using or paying regard to the pro-forma at **Appendix 1**

**Next steps**

We will collate expressions of interest and review content. Dependant on the number and scope offered by respondents, we envisage inviting providers of a cross section of solutions to participate in a more detailed consultation, perhaps to include demonstrations.

We envisage invitees will be confirmed by e-mail before 14th September 2021

**The Public Contracts Regulations 2015**

In respect of the above Leeds Trinity University seeks advice from independent experts/authorities/market participants with a view to developing the scope and specifications needed to plan and conduct its procurement procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, no call for competition has been made, and no contract award opportunity identified. All relevant information exchanged or resulting from this preliminary market consultation will be documented and may be communicated to other candidates and tenderers participating in the procurement procedure.

I hope to hear from you soon

With kind regards

Mark Hayter

Head of Procurement

**Appendix 1 – Expression of interest pro-forma**

Dear Leeds Trinity University,

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**We would like to express our interest in your consultation process.**

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| Company information |   |   |
| Solution overview / options |   |   |
| Schedule of rates |   |   |
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