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Contract

## **UKRI-3372 NQCC Strontium Quadrupole Cavities**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040350

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-3372 NQCC Strontium Quadrupole Cavities

Reference number

UKRI-3372

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 14772000 - Strontium

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The National Quantum Computing Centre seeks to enhance the UK's global leadership in quantum computing, to help translate UK research strengths into innovation, and enable the creation of the first generation of quantum computers, helping to build a resilient future economy. The NQCC seeks for two lots of 674 nm cavities for strontium ions. Each lot must include a cavity, vacuum housing, temperature control, and be shipped pre-aligned with fibre-coupling assemblies apart by 100 mm to 300 mm

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £115,602

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

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

The NQCC's initial focus has been on two platforms of quantum computing, one based on superconductors and one based on trapped ions. This were chosen based on technological maturity and UK strength. The NQCC continues to investigate other potential hardware modalities in detail. The centre will be headquartered in a purpose-built facility at the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)'s Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Campus in Oxfordshire. The centre is due for completion in 2023. Ahead of the completion of the

centre, a temporary lab facilities in existing STFC building have been used to fast track development. The required wavelength measurement systems will be used in both these temporary laboratories and in the NQCC lab spaces. This procurement is for two lots of 674 nm cavities for strontium ions. Each lot must include a cavity, vacuum housing, temperature control, and be shipped pre-aligned with fibre-coupling assemblies, further detailed requirements are listed within the Specification.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

### **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**

The term and conditions relating to this purchase are provided in the Contract, which matches the Contract number cited in the narrative to this Purchase Order and are specific to this Contract. Where the Contract number is not so cited, then our standard terms and conditions will apply which are available at

:<https://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Documents/UKRIPOTCs.pdf>

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

Open procedure

#### **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: [2023/S 000-028172](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

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

5 December 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

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Country

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NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

NA

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £135,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £115,602

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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