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Award

Cine Film Scanner for Archiving

Manchester Metropolitan University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Cine Film Scanner for Archiving

Reference number

SSA020

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32321100 - Film equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Film Scanner for the Archiving of extremely fragile and deteriorated film stock to the high standards required for archives and museum collections.

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: £262,457

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Manchester Metropolitan University

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The North West Film Archive (NWFA) is part of Manchester Metropolitan University's Library Services and is a specialist resource dedicated to collecting and preserving the region's rich filmed history. NWFA is a member of both national and international networks of film archives and works closely with the British Film Institute. The work with film undertaken by a team of specialist professionals requires the use of very particular, archive-compatible equipment which can work with often extremely fragile and deteriorated film stock to the high standards required for archives and museum collections.

Funding has been provided by The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Capability for Collections Fund (CapCo).

The only scanner available in the UK that fulfils these precise criteria is a MWA-Nova film scanner, as outlined below.

1. Film Scanner features

1.1 Film Transport Mechanism

Capstanless and Sprocketless transport mechanism to avoid problems related to image warping due to film splices and physical damage of old brittle film, respectively.

1.2 Film Transport Tension

Reel to reel transfer tension as low as 0.2 Newtons.

1.3 Shrunken Film Correction and Image Stabilisation

Technology for Stabilisation and Film Shrinkage correction.

1.4 Audio Track Reading Capability

Comprehensive range of dedicated audio modules, to deal with the following film audio formats:

8mm edge track commag

9.5mm duoplay 2 channel, commag

16 mm 2 tracks sepmag

16mm edge track commag

17.5mm 2 track commag

35mm single track commag

35mm 4 track sepmag

35mm 6 track sepmag

Magnetic audio archive extension unit for magnetic audio tape with heavy vinegar degradation

16mm variable area and density, comopt

35mm variable area and density, comopt

1.5 Timeline based colour correction and audio channel balancing

Control software including timeline based post scanning processing tools

1.6 Metadata Protocol

Metadata protocol creates files with scanning parameters, perforation condition and user actions.

1.7 Multi-purpose functionality

Includes a bi-phase I/O allowing it to act as a sound follower 'slave' or as the image scanner 'master' synchronised to a sound follower.

1.8 Physical Mounting

Motorised height adjustment of working surface if required.

2. Film Scanner features

2.1 Image Resolution

capable of scanning at 8k resolution.

2.2 High Dynamic Range

multi flash scanning for applications such as HDR image creation.

2.3 Motorised lens

motorized lens mounting for zoom, focus and panning of the image to be scanned

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

MMU will rely on a derogation in this case (specifically Reg .32 2 b i and ii) due to technical reasons as DVSS Ltd is the sole UK distributor of the highly specialised MWA-Nova Spinner S cine Film Scanning equipment that is able to scan fragile and deteriorated film for archiving.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

SSA020

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 January 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

DVSS Ltd

Reading

RG6 3AY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £262,457

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Manchester Metropolitan University

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority incorporates a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded..