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Contract

Elyra 7

University Of Edinburgh

F03: Contract award notice
Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-000454
Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042b40
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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/procurement/supplying

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107

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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

DA0237

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38512200 - Molecular microscopes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

With the recently developed Lattice SIM2 technology, there is a clear opportunity to broadly deploy SR at the new Institute for Regeneration and Repair (IRR) at the Edinburgh bioQuarter campus. Our ability to track dynamic cellular processes has been transformed by new tools and techniques that have emerged from genetics (CRISPR), stem cell biology (iPSCs and organoids), and synthetic biology (genetic circuits and reporters). These can be combined with super-resolution (SR) imaging capabilities to gain deep mechanistic insights into human disease mechanisms and support drug discovery (target validation).

We are therefore seeking support to purchase the Zeiss Lattice SIM2 SR microscope. This will open possibilities for many MRC funded research groups to routinely perform live cell super-resolution imaging across a range of physiological samples, scales and models.

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: £795,179.03

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38512200 - Molecular microscopes

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Zeiss Lattice SIM2 SR microscope. This will open possibilities for many research groups to routinely perform live cell super-resolution imaging across a range of physiological samples, scales and models.

The procurement route taken is a direct award facilitated through APUC frameworks.

Stem cell biology and regenerative medicine have been a strategic priority for the UoE over the past two decades. Newly recruited faculty at all career stages have created a critical mass of PIs who have, and continue, to make seminal contributions to our understanding of fundamental biology and translation into new technologies, platforms and therapeutics. The new Institute for Regeneration and Repair (IRR) at the Edinburgh bioQuarter campus, brings together faculty from the former MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine, MRC Centre for Inflammation Research and MRC Centre for Reproductive Health. Over the past decade these MRC Centres have created a wealth of novel stem cell-based models, genetically engineered derivative cell reporters, model organisms (development, regeneration/repair and cancer), as well as human tissue slice techniques, co-cultures

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The MaxCyte ExPERT GTx is the only instrument available on the market that can perform transfection of human cells at a scale compatible with large-scale genome engineering applications: up to 20 billion cells per experiment.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Carl Zeiss Ltd

509 Coldhams Lane

Cambridge

CB1 3JS

Telephone

+44 1223401540

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £795,179.03

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:754541)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom