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Award

Lattice Light Sheet Microscope

Durham University

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042da3

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

Lattice Light Sheet Microscope

Reference number

NEG23-043

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38515200 - Fluorescent microscopes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University has a requirement to purchase a Lattice Light Sheet Microscope.

The University has published this VEAT notice and intends to award a contract to Carl Zeiss following the expiry of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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: £847,866.60

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Durham

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

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

Explanation:

- An inverted configuration which through the use of a meniscus lens and adaptive optics allows the use of widespread standard sample carriers such as dishes or multiwell slides and provides easier sample handling. In addition, adaptive optics in the detection light path can compensate for the distinct optical properties of the sample (especially important for plants). The inverted meniscus lens implementation also means that the lens never comes into contact with the sample media meaning that there is no dipping of lenses and no risk of cross contamination between samples.
- Software wizards, automated alignment and monolithic design ensures that the system is very stable and does not require physical alignment by expert users meaning that the system can be setup and used by non-expert users easily and effectively, ideal for core facility use .
- True simultaneous multicolour imaging using both cameras (Dual camera set up). A spatial light modulator with wavelength distinct areas is used for forming the lattice pattern allowing for multiple lasers to be used simultaneously while having an optimised pattern for each laser used.
- The ZEISS Lattice Lightsheet 7 can be used with all standard sample carriers that come with a no. 1.5 coverslip for the bottom:
 - o Slides
 - o 35 mm dishes
 - o Chamber slides
 - o Multi-well plates

- Integrated transmission LEDs and oblique detection which provide a DIC-like contrast, allowing easy sample location. Change from white to red transmission LEDs for more gentle illumination if necessary.
- Specifically designed for this system, the unique 5-axis stage not only allows movement along the X, Y and Z axes, but also tilting with the highest precision in X and Y, compensating for even the smallest deviations in carrier dimensions or sample position.

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/concession

Contract No

NEG23-043

Title

Lattice Lightsheet Microscope

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 January 2024

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

Carl Zeiss Ltd

Research Microscopy Solutions, ZEISS House, 1030 Cambourne Business Park

Cambridge

CB23 6DW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Companies House

00542141

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £847,866.60

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Durham University

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