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Contract

In Situ Gas Reaction Cell System for RadIAEM

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

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

In Situ Gas Reaction Cell System for RadIAEM

Reference number

2021/1829/AS/GBJD/MW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University wishes to appoint a Contractor to supply an in situ environmental system for a new Field Emission Gun Analytical Electron Microscope dedicated for ?, ?-radioactive materials to be housed at the MRF at UKAEA. Such system will enable direct, real-time data acquisition to trace the evolution of microstructure and study gas-material interactions at elevated temperatures.

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: £445,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Main site or place of performance

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Materials Research Facility

Culham Science Centre,

Abingdon,

OX14 3DB

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University wishes to purchase an in situ environmental system for a new Field Emission Gun Analytical Electron Microscope dedicated for α , β -radioactive materials to be housed at the MRF at UKAEA. Such system will enable direct, real-time data acquisition to trace the evolution of microstructure and study gas-material interactions at elevated temperatures. One of the main applications of such holder enabled is the study of gas-metal interaction using a range of gaseous environments, which is one of the important topics for future in-reactor fission materials research and co-generation systems.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 95

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 5

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

Please note that the University of Manchester is running this procurement under an open accelerated Procedure under Regulation 27(5) of the Public Contract Regulations. This is due to the state of urgency connected with the delivery of the research outcomes and adherence to funding requirements.

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: [2021/S 000-029240](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2021/1829/AS/GBJD/MW

Title

In Situ Gas Reaction Cell System for RadIAEM

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 December 2021

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

Protochips Inc.

3800 Gateway Centre Blvd, STE 306 Morrisville, NC 27560 USA

USA

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £445,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice of England

London

WC2A2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/universityofmanchester/asp/Home>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award

of the contract is communicated to tenderers.

Applicants who are unsuccessful shall be informed by the authority as soon as possible after the decision has

been made as to the reasons why the Applicant was unsuccessful.

- if an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts

Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm

by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action

must generally be brought within 3 months,

- if a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where the

authority has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise

within 6 months of the contract being entered into. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may

order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award

damages,

- if the contract has been entered into the court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make

a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract is

shortened.

The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside

the award decision before the contract is entered into.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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