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## **6-off Broadband Ocean-Bottom Seismographs**

Durham University

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d5da

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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

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

6-off Broadband Ocean-Bottom Seismographs

Reference number

RFN00061

**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 has a requirement to purchase 6-off Broadband Ocean-Bottom Seismographs

The University has published this VEAT notice and intends to award a contract to Nanaometrics 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: £511,360

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances

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

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

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

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### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## 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:

The Ocean-Bottom Instrumentation Facility (OBIF) has a successful track record of deploying a range of autonomous sensors on the seabed for over 20 years. OBIF is funded by the UK Research and Innovation's (UKRI) Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and operated jointly by the Universities of Durham and Southampton to support researchers across a broad range of environmental science disciplines. Instrumentation deployments are routinely carried out in water depths ranging from a few 10's of m to over 5000 m, for periods lasting from a few days to more than a year, to measure parameters such as ground vibration, pressure, and electric and magnetic field strengths to address a broad range of specific Earth and environmental science applications.

OBIF currently have a fleet of more than 60 autonomous seabed instruments, including a small sub-set of instruments fitted with seismometers that are used for broadband, lower frequency, long deployment duration global seismicity studies.

The sole purpose of this procurement is to expand (double) the sub-set of broadband, lower frequency, long deployment-capable instruments to meet increasing user demands and the specific scientific and data requirements of those users. The funding for this purchase was awarded on the basis that the instrumentation purchased is identical to that existing.

Consequently, there is a fundamental requirement that the instruments to be purchased are identical in design, capability, operation, sensors and output to the existing set within the Facility. The instruments to be purchased must also be entirely compatible with existing Facility' systems (hardware and software) and approaches to instrument communication (seabed to sea surface) and release (from seabed), and data formatting, harvesting and conversation, QC systems and approaches, and meta data recording. Furthermore, to ensure cost-effective operation within the current financial climate and funding programmes, the

systems to be purchased must be compatible with the entire pool of OBIF's existing instruments in terms of consumable types and the interchangeability of recovery sub-systems and spares, to ensure that all operational aspects are consistent across the entire combined pool of instruments.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

22 January 2025

#### **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**

Nanometrics Inc

3001 Solent Road, Kanata, Ontario, Canada

K2K 2MB

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £511,360

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Durham University

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