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Tender

QUB/2485/23 Contract for for a Compact Multi-modal and Multi-scale Retinal Imaging System

Queens University Belfast

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home

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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

QUB/2485/23 Contract for for a Compact Multi-modal and Multi-scale Retinal Imaging System

Reference number

QUB/2485/23

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33110000 - Imaging equipment for medical, dental and veterinary use

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Multiple research groups within QUB are addressing the earliest changes of disease at the complex intersection between normal ageing and early pathology in AMD (Peto, Hogg, Lengyel), Diabetic Retinopathy (Peto, Stitt, Lois, Hogg, Curtis) and Glaucoma (Azuara-Blanco and Hogg), exploring interventions to delay or prevent onset. Cutting edge retinal imaging is crucial to these endeavours. Advanced retinal imaging has been at the forefront of research advances in ophthalmology; as resolution has increased, the capacity to understand disease mechanisms has advanced for all major blinding conditions. In the retina, this has advanced on two parallel fronts, firstly, improved imaging of individual retinal layers including the photoreceptor mosaic, and secondly, improved imaging of retinal vasculature and microvasculature and associated structures. At the forefront of this is the ultra-high resolution provided by adaptive optics techniques, enabling single cell resolution in vivo. To date, th

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33110000 - Imaging equipment for medical, dental and veterinary use
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products
- 33100000 - Medical equipments

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend maintenance and the purchase of consumables beyond this period for a further period of up to 10 years or the end of useful life of the equipment.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

N/A

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

Queen's will be availing of Article 27 (3), Public Contracts Regulations 2015; where a state of urgency duly substantiated by the contracting authority renders impracticable the time limit laid down in the second subparagraph of paragraph 1, it may fix a time limit which shall be not less than 15 days from the date on which the contract notice was sent

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

9 February 2024

Local time

4:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

9 February 2024

Local time

4:10pm

Place

Belfast

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Queens University Belfast

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

N/A