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Award

Supply of remote radio heads (RRH) to expand current test infrastructure

University of Strathclyde

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Strathclyde

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00113

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

Supply of remote radio heads (RRH) to expand current test infrastructure

Reference number

UOS-19743-2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Expansion of existing 5G testbed infrastructure for the 5G Centre for Scotland.

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: £180,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM83 - Inverclyde, East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University intends to award this contract under the conditions of regulation 33.4.b of the Public Contracts (Scotland) regulations.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

The University is a partner in the 5G Centre for Scotland ("the Centre"). The Centre is currently engaged in two 5G R&D projects which require it to build 5G test networks which will be used for evaluation and research. The Centre aims to do so by building upon existing test networks with the purchase of further Remote Radio Heads (RRHs).

The existing networks are based on AW2S RRHs operating in conjunction with other network components – in particular the Baseband Processing Units (BBUs) and their associated 5G software stacks.

The Centre will build upon the existing components to expand and enhance our existing 5G testbeds for new projects, and require to maintain compatibility amongst the existing components in order to ensure that the networks function properly as a whole.

More specifically, the communication interface protocols implemented in the firmware on the RRHs and in the software stacks in the BBUs have been integrated and tested by the AW2S for functionality and compliance. In adopting different RRHs, we would encounter inter-operability problems resulting from differences in the interface implementations, which, where these could be resolved, would inevitably require significant development and integration effort which is not feasible or practicable within the scope of these projects.

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

Expansion of existing 5G testbed infrastructure

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 February 2021

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

Advanced Wireless Solutions and Services (AW2S) SAS

375, Avenue de Tivoli, Bat.H

LE BOUSCAT

33110

Telephone

+33 556425375

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - FRANCE

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: £180,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The University intends to enter into an agreement with the named supplier on 2nd March 2021.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=644630.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sherriff Court

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI2015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.