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## **Confocal (spinning disk) microscope with isolation table and environmental chamber**

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029507

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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Main address

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/procurement/>

**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**

Confocal (spinning disk) microscope with isolation table and environmental chamber

Reference number

2021/1752/SDCM/PR/SB

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38510000 - Microscopes

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice to alert the market of the University of Manchester intention to award a contract for the provision of a Confocal (Spinning Disk) Microscope system with isolation table and environmental chamber intended for the Manchester Cancer Research Centre.

#### **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: £240,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Main site or place of performance

The University of Manchester

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

Our research groups at The University of Manchester Cancer Research Centre require a high specification Confocal (Spinning Disk) Microscope system with isolation table and environmental chamber to support essential Cancer research activities due to begin end of March. The Funding has been awarded for the Manchester Cancer Research Centre based in the OCRB (Oglesby Cancer Research Building).

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

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) notice to alert the market of the University of Manchester intention to award a contract. Please note: an award has not been made for this requirement. The University of Manchester will incorporate a standstill period of 10 calendar days. The essential components of confocal microscopy in viable cells is optical quality which impacts resolution and sensitivity. As the majority of our cells do not experience visible light the act of imaging using high intensity lasers is an artificial environment and detrimental to cell health (heating effects, DNA damage etc.). The feature of this system revolves around the increased resolution and sensitivity offered by the new line of Olympus objective lenses. As a consequence, laser power for illumination is reduced, light based biological damage reduced thus extending the timeframe for the research question. As much of this work will be detection of low light signals in live cell samples this is essential. The specialist range of objective lens that are suitable for both single cell and thicker tissues e.g. organoid and spheroids. These are the critical aspects of the Olympus system that will make the intended research possible.

To improve detection the system will be enclosed in an opaque environmental chamber so that the light from accompanying electronics with LEDs will be nullified.

#### **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**

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**

Olympus Keymed

Keymed House

Southend-on-Sea

SS2 5QH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

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: £240,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court of Justice of England

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please note: an award has not been made for this requirement. The University of Manchester will incorporate a standstill period of 10 calendar days.

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

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