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Contract

Universal Testing Machine - ORE/24/072

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Compliance with grant funding agreement

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research & Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Universal Testing Machine - ORE/24/072

Reference number

DN748567

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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ORE Catapult Materials Laboratory, located at the Charles Parsons Technology Centre at High Quay, Blyth has a requirement for purchasing a new dynamic Universal Test Machine ("UTM") to meet increasing demand from customers. There are current and future planned demands for testing subsea cable manufacturer's cable sheath material samples in fatigue life at increasing loads which are currently outside the capability and availability of the current test machines held in the laboratory such as the benchtop DMA 850. The purchase of a new larger capacity machine is also in-line with the longer term objectives of the materials laboratories to be able to test more of materials that are typically used in the construction of large scale wind turbine rotor blades.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £205,840 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Open procedure

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: [2024/S 000-034714](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ORE/24/072

Lot No

1

Title

Universal Testing Machine

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Instron Division of ITW Ltd

Coronation Road

High Wycombe

HP12 3SY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £205,840 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, all appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of the contact specified in Section I above, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any appeals must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law, including without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.

As the UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions, any challenges will be dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.