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Contract

Microscopy & Imaging Equipment

APUC Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10402

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Microscopy & Imaging Equipment

Reference number

LAB1035 AP

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38510000 - Microscopes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking Contractor(s) for the provision of supply, servicing, maintenance and repairs of microscopes and imaging equipment plus related consumables and software used in research, teaching and medical applications across the further and higher education sector and other public bodies in the UK. This includes Full and Associate Members, and future members, and their associated and affiliated bodies of the UK higher and further education regional purchasing consortia :

- APUC Ltd.(Advanced Procurement for Universities & Colleges): <https://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/?#!/members>

- HEPCW (Higher Education Procurement Consortia Wales): <https://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>

- NEUPC (North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium): <https://www.neupc.ac.uk/join/members/who-are-our-members>

- NWUPC (North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium): <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/members/>

- LUPC (London Universities Purchasing Consortium): <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/members/our-members/>

- SUPC (Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium): <https://www.supc.ac.uk/our->

[members/](#)

Other participating bodies include:

- Scotland Excel and their associate members
- NHS National (Scotland) Procurement
- Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture – SASA
- National Galleries of Scotland
- National Records of Scotland
- Forestry and Land Scotland
- Historical Environment Scotland
- Marine Directorate.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Optical Microscopes – Low-End (Teaching)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38510000 - Microscopes
- 38634000 - Optical microscopes

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A variety of low-end optical microscopes, with a price of 10,000 GBP (excl. VAT) and less, suitable for laboratory teaching including, but not be limited to:

- Compound Microscopes – upright or inverted equipment featuring optional fluorescence and camera systems for use in teaching, tissue culture analysis and routine applications.
- Stereo and/or Zoom Microscopes - equipment featuring optional fluorescence and camera systems, for routine and clinical dissection, sorting, and examination.
- Gel Documentation Systems.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Optical Microscopes – High-End (Research)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38634000 - Optical microscopes
- 38510000 - Microscopes

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A variety of high-end optical microscopes, with a price of over 10,000 GBP (excl. VAT), suitable for research including, but not be limited to:

- Compound Microscopes - upright or inverted equipment featuring optional fluorescence and camera systems for use in teaching, tissue culture analysis and routine applications.
- Stereo and/or Zoom Microscopes - equipment featuring optional fluorescence and camera systems, for routine and clinical dissection, sorting, and examination.
- Medical Microscopes - Products designed for specialist medical and surgical applications, e.g. colposcopes, surgical loupes and microscopes with specific task fulfilment in neurology, ENT, dermatology, ophthalmology, dental or maxillofacial medicine.
- Label Free Holographic Microscopes
- Automated Live Cell (extended time lapse) microscopes
- Slide scanners.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Optical Microscopes – Low-End (Teaching)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Optical Microscopes – High-End (Research)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Suppliers should confirm they will be in a position to complete (at point of award) the following:

Appendix A Form of Tender

Appendix B Freedom of Information

Appendix D APUC Sustain Supply Chain Code of Conduct

Appendix H Declaration of Non-involvement in Serious Organised Crime

Appendix I Declaration of Non- Involvement in Human Trafficking and Labour Exploitation

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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