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Contract

## **QUB/2010/21A Contract for the Manufacture and Delivery of a Parabolic mirror (Collimator) for the High Accuracy Radial-velocity Planet Searcher 3 (HARPS 3) Spectrograph**

Queen's University Belfast

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e6bc

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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Main address

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/FinanceDirectorate/visitors/procurement/>

Buyer's address

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

**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**

QUB/2010/21A Contract for the Manufacture and Delivery of a Parabolic mirror (Collimator) for the High Accuracy Radial-velocity Planet Searcher 3 (HARPS 3) Spectrograph

Reference number

QUB/2010/21A

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38622000 - Mirrors

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

This procurement comprises the one-off purchase of a collimator parabola for the HARPS3 spectrograph. HARPS3 will be a copy of the ultra-precise radial-velocity spectrograph HARPS located on the 3.6-m ESO telescope at the La Silla Observatory in Chile and the more recent HARPS-N located on the 3.6-m TNG telescope on La Palma. HARPS3 will be installed at the 2.5m Isaac Newton Telescope in La Palma, Canary Islands and it shall be used for the Terra Hunting Experiment – a 10-year study to find Earth-like exoplanets around our nearest Solar-like stars.

#### **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: £160,000

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38622000 - Mirrors

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Delivery to Cambridge, UK

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

This procurement comprises the one-off purchase of a collimator parabola for the HARPS3 spectrograph. HARPS3 will be a copy of the ultra-precise radial-velocity spectrograph HARPS located on the 3.6-m ESO telescope at the La Silla Observatory in Chile and the more recent HARPS-N located on the 3.6-m TNG telescope on La Palma. HARPS3 will be installed at the 2.5m Isaac Newton Telescope in La Palma, Canary Islands and it shall be used for the Terra Hunting Experiment – a 10-year study to find Earth-like exoplanets around our nearest Solar-like stars.

### **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

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## **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: [2021/S 000-024397](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

QUB/2010/21A

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

Contract for the Manufacture and Delivery of a Parabolic mirror (Collimator) for the High Accuracy Radial-velocity Planet Searcher 3 (HARPS 3) Spectrograph

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 February 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Thales SESO

530 Rue Frederic Joilot, 13593 Aix-en-Provence, France

Aix-en-Provence

Country

France

NUTS code

- FRL - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £160,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Queen's University Belfast

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

This authority will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to Tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).