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Planning

Microscopy & Imaging Equipment

APUC Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e33d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

APUC Limited

Unit 27, Stirling Business Centre, Wellgreen

Stirling

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Contact

Ola McIntyre

Email

omcintyre@apuc-scot.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM77 - Perth & Kinross and Stirling

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk>

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.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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 are seeking Contractor(s) for the provision of Microscopes and Imaging Equipment including Associated Servicing, Maintenance and Repairs for the Further and Higher education sector in the UK.

Lotting structure will be determined at the later stage.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33128000 - Medical laser other than for surgery

- 38513100 - Inverted microscopes
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Framework Agreement will be tendered by APUC Ltd. for the purpose of delivering an efficient and compliant route to market for participating public bodies, by minimising the resource required and providing value for money.

Framework Agreement's scope will be for microscopes and imaging equipment including, but not limited to:

- A variety of microscopes and imaging equipment suitable for a range of laboratory applications including, but not limited to: compound, stereo and zoom, medical microscopes.
- Upright or inverted microscopes using laser technology such as Confocal, Spinning Disc, TIRF and Multi-photon including associated imaging equipment such as slide scanners.
- Deterministic super resolution and stochastic super resolution microscopy equipment such as simulated emission depletion (STED), ground state depletion (GSD), SPDMphymod.
- Specialist camera components for image acquisition in relation to life science applications and materials research.
- Modular digital imaging and microscope software for image acquisition, processing and analysis.
- Light Sources and associated equipment, including but not limited to: Incandescent Lamps,

Halogen Bulbs, Arc Lamps, LED Light Sources.

- General Accessories and Consumables, including but not limited to: Objectives, Filter Sets, Stands, Eyepieces, Adapters.

- Comprehensive or preventative maintenance and repairs of standard “off-the-shelf” equipment beyond its initial envisaged life cycle term.

- Comprehensive or preventative maintenance and repairs of specialised equipment which may be bespoke, experimental or high value in nature beyond its initial envisaged life cycle term.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 May 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

APUC is planning to host online 1:1 pre-tender engagement meetings with suppliers to discuss the scope of the new Framework Agreement. Please email omcintyre@apuc-scot.ac.uk to register your interest.

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