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Award

Purchase of Manipulation Platform

Heriot-Watt University

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043ba9

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://hw.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00307

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

Purchase of Manipulation Platform

Reference number

HWU-UK-2324-198-00

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase of Manipulation Platform for research purposes

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: 256,375 USD

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

The National Robotarium

Heriot-Watt University Research Park

Riccarton Campus

Edinburgh

EH14 4AS

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a specialist piece of robotic equipment and there are no other suppliers available in the market to supply this type of equipment in the form factor required.

The Alex Manipulation Platform (supplied by Boardwalk Robotics) includes two 7 degree-of-freedom arms, a 3 degree-of-freedom spine, a 2 degree-of-freedom head, an onboard computer and switch, perception sensors in the head and chest, table-mounted stand, two Sake EZ Grippers, NUC configured with an automated logger to capture control data for troubleshooting and algorithm design and installation & configuration.

The principal purpose of the contract is to acquire goods in connection with research undertaken by The National Robotarium.

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

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 notice (VEAT). This notice is to indicate that The National Robotarium intends to contract with Boardwalk Robotics for a Alex Manipulation Platform.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

HWU-UK-2324-198-00

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 February 2024

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

Boardwalk Robotics

417 E Zaragoza St

Pensacola

32502

Telephone

+44 8505013000

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: 256,375 USD

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please Note: An Award has not been made for this requirement. The date included at V.2.1 of this notice refers to the date for the

publication of this Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice only.

Heriot-Watt University on behalf of The National Robotarium will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to suppliers by means of this VEAT notice. The Standstill period will be for a period of 10 calendar days

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom