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Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment to the University of Birmingham (Dubai Campus)

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment to the University of Birmingham (Dubai Campus)

Reference number

SC9050/21

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The procurement requirement is for Laboratory Equipment, Year 3 (both the purchase of, installation, warranties, annual maintenance service and training). This equipment is a key component of the project to allow Lab staff and technicians in delivering good teaching and operations at the University of Birmingham Dubai (UOBD). Therefore all aspects for this procurement must be provided from within country (Dubai).

The requirement is to equip Science and Engineering Labs with industry-standard vocational and technical training aids that include simulation systems, demonstration and instrumentational equipment.

The overreaching project vision is to source and provide the necessary equipment from approved supplier, in line with academics teaching and training requirements that can deliver quality, robust, value for money equipment and provide a first class delivery, installation and warranted service to the highest standards. All the kit requirements are specialist, bespoke sets of Laboratory equipment pieces. The equipment needs to be maintained and any faults rectified within any given 24-hour period to allow for academic teaching and training to remain in-situ.

The equipment is currently in place within University of Birmingham Edgbaston campus in the UK. The equipment requirements need to match in Dubai specifically to that already in place in Birmingham to allow a consistent approach to training and teaching by the academics on both sites.

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: 2,916,650 AED

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- AE - United Arab Emirates

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The University of Birmingham is looking for a complete 'Turnkey Solution' for their Laboratory Year 3 equipment requirements. This includes providing layout, listing

equipment, details of MEP for the Labs and trained engineers providing a complete installation, commissioning and training on the equipment supplied.

To be compatible with the existing equipment the University wishes to procure the following pieces of Laboratory equipment from a single supplier / distributor within Dubai:

Wind Tunnel x 1

3D Printers x 2

Drop Weight Impact Tester x 1

Lathe x 2

Milling Machines x 2

Vertical Band Saw x 1

Horizontal Band Saw x 1

Tool Grinder x 1

Drilling Machine x 1

Belt Sander x 1

Industrial grade CNC CMM (coordinate measuring machine) x 1

Laser Cutter x 1

Electric Discharge Machine x 1

Solar PV System x 1

Microscope x 1

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The marketplace works differently in Dubai and the UAE to that of the UK. Manufacturers appoint sole distributors in-country to provide their products and services. The University requires like-for-like manufactured products for academic teaching and the training of their Lab technicians. Therefore compatibility is essential. A full 'Turnkey Solution' is required.

ATLAB is the sole distributor of this equipment. ATLAB is the only distributor in Dubai to offer both purchase, deliver, installation, product training, warranty and after-sales support (fault handling and annual maintenance service) to the University.

Evidence is provided in that ATLAB is the sole distributor in Dubai of the required equipment from the following manufacturers:

Boxford

Tec Equipment

DMG

Helmel

EV

Knuth

Extech

Wance

RHJ

To summarise;

This is specialist, bespoke industrial grade equipment being purchased against specify UOBD Laboratory build requirements

To support training and teaching requirements Academics require the same 'like-for-like' requirement

We are buying on a like-for-like basis equipment that was purchased for UoB, Edgbaston, Birmingham (direct from the manufacturers)

Requirement for the supplier to be an education partner for all of the above manufacturers

All this equipment is to be purchased within Dubai, UAE

All equipment to be maintained in-country (with a 24-hour turn around for fault and maintain requirements)

The equipment is built to order, with a minimum 6-8 month lead time

The equipment must be compatible with the existing kit within University of Birmingham, Edgbaston campus, and be available for delivery and installation within the next six months for Dubai campus opening in September 2021.

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

SC9050/21

Title

The Supply and Installation of Laboratory Equipment to the University of Birmingham (Dubai Campus)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 March 2021

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

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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: 2,916,650 AED

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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