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## **Combine Harvester**

University Of Reading

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ad66

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

**UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)**

University

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.reading.ac.uk](http://www.reading.ac.uk)

**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**

Combine Harvester

Reference number

UOR-LAB-23-021

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 16300000 - Harvesting machinery

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

The University is looking to procure a plot-scale trials Combine Harvester which will be used by our School of Agricultural, Policy and Development, as part of research into crops. Our research focuses on combinable crops, from evaluation of different varieties and cultivars to investigating novel agronomic approaches for UK crops, improving their yields and resilience to changing climates.

Due to the research requirements, the Combine Harvester must have the functionality to calculate the harvest index for the combined crops, by accurately measuring the weight of both straw and chaff. The Header of the combine also needs to be available as 1.5m and 2.5m widths to accommodate harvesting operations on different plot sizes and crops.

Additional capabilities must also include:

- Side knives. Left and Right Hand.
- Straw chopper
- Integrated GPS/GNSS positioning system.
- Near-infrared (NIRS) quality sensor for GPS tagged grain quality measurements.

The University has published this VEAT notice and intends to award a contract to Zurn following the expiry of 10 full calendar days after the expiry of this notice.

#### **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: £404,700

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

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

- 16300000 - Harvesting machinery

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

University of Reading

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#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **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:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Absence for technical reasons due to the research requirements for the combine harvester to quantify grain, straw and chaff biomass for yield and calculation of harvest index. The combine harvester header also needs to be available at 1.5m and 2.5m widths due to the research area and to accommodate harvesting operations on different plot sizes and crops.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Contract No**

UOR-LAB-23-021

### **Title**

Combine Harvester

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

1 March 2023

### **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**

Zurn UK

Woodway

Princes Risborough

P27 0NN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

Agricultural machinery

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £404,700

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

University of Reading

Reading

Country

United Kingdom