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Contract

## **Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development Project**

The Council of the City Of Sunderland

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

The Council of the City Of Sunderland

City Hall, Plater Way

Sunderland

SR1 3AA

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC23 - Sunderland

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development Project

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34121000 - Buses and coaches

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Supply of an autonomous shuttle and provision of related services to support the delivery of the Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development project

### **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: £305,415

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 34121000 - Buses and coaches

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

NUTS codes

- UKC23 - Sunderland

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

The manufacture, supply and delivery of a fully autonomous shuttle, together with all necessary operational and professional services to support the delivery of the externally funded Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle Research and Development project ("the Project") during the initial period 1st January to 31st March 2025 (subject to options to extend in the event that further external funding is secured to extend the project thereafter). The purpose of the Project is to help define a more sustainable future for urban mobility by demonstrating the feasibility of a commercially viable urban public transport solution using autonomous zero-emission shuttles.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Potential option to extend the research and development Project subject to the receipt of further external grant funding for the project from Innovate UK.

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## **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:

Given the specific and unique nature of the Project, namely it is an experimental and temporary R&D project sponsored by IUK in order to trial autonomous vehicle technology in a public setting, and the urgent need arising to safeguard the grant and deliver the Project, the Council is entitled to directly appoint the contractor

in accordance with Regulation 32(5)(a) (use of negotiated procedure without prior publication for award of supply contracts for R&D projects) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

13 February 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

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

OXA Autonomy Limited

Oxbotica Uhq 8050 Alec Issigonis Way, Oxford Business Park North,

Oxford

OX4 2HW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Companies House

09242359

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £305,415

Total value of the contract/lot: £305,415

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The Council of the City of Sunderland

Corporate Procurement, City Hall, Plater Way

Sunderland

SR1 3AA

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United Kingdom