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Award

Hawkeye combination cloud spectrometer probe

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-007409

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b2b8

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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

Hawkeye combination cloud spectrometer probe

Reference number

2023-2011-CCSP-KB-PC-CJ-VEAT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This purchase is for a bespoke instrument from the MLU-P-066 "Ice microphysics" proposal, specifically a "Hawkeye" combination cloud probe, which has been endorsed by the FAAM (Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements), Cloud Instrument Working Group (CIWG) which are a panel of experts in the science of cloud microphysics measurement and instrumentation using research aircraft.

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: £301,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38433000 - Spectrometers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The "Ice Microphysics" proposal is to install several complementary state-of-the-art instruments, these bespoke instruments are already: fully developed; installed/ certified/ tested and have flown on world leading research aircraft in Europe and the USA.

The "Hawkeye" combination cloud probe combines four cloud spectrometer probes into one single unique instrument, needing only one mounting position on an aircraft pylon, freeing up valuable mounting space. Hawkeye is a bespoke cloud probe that was developed to fly initially on the pilotless US Global Hawk platform at high altitude. Hawkeye consists of four separate cloud spectrometers, measuring cloud particles over four size ranges.

With the degree of development and complexity required for the science needed, this supplier is the only one capable of providing a combination instrument of this specification. The route to installation and certification of the instrument on the FAAM aircraft will also benefit from the Hawkeye's proven track record of installation and certification on other world leading research aircraft across Europe and the USA, and through its direct compatibility with existing instrumentation already installed, certified and flown on the FAAM aircraft.

Such an award is on the grounds that the University believes competition is absent for technical reasons as there is no comparable solutions to be found.

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:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Under regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 it is permissible, for economic and technical reasons (i.e. competition is absent for technical reasons), to place a VEAT notice.

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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

2023-2011-CCSP-KB-PC-CJ-VEAT

Title

Hawkeye combination cloud spectrometer probe

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 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

SPEC Inc

3022 Sterling Circle

Boulder

80301

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £301,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Justice of England

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom