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Contract

Axion Maestro

University Of Edinburgh

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e8d2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Axion Maestro

Reference number

NCA31092

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31644000 - Miscellaneous data recorders

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The platform facilitates medium-high throughput electrophysiological MEA recordings in a 96-well plate format simultaneously.

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: £210,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

UK Dementia Research Institute at the University of Edinburgh. Chancellor's Building, 49 Little France Crescent,

Edinburgh Bioquarter

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Competition is absent for technical reasons, but only where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: QUALITY / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Axiom platform is the only instrument capable of providing medium-high throughput electrophysiological MEA recordings in a 96-well plate format simultaneously. It is the only platform that offers electrode recording with integrated optogenetic stimulation. Further, the company pairs with external companies to customise MEA plates and applications, and offer an "MEA creator" kit that allows groups to develop their own MEA plates and systems - an option that is not available for other platforms.

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

Contract No

NCA31092

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £210,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom