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Award

Fixed Bed Bioreactor

NHS Blood and Transplant

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b368

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Blood and Transplant

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fixed Bed Bioreactor

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434510 - Cytometers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

One-off requirement, for a single fixed-bed bioreactor, for the production of viral vectors for advanced cell and gene therapies using mammalian cell culture.

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: £171,411.82

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

One-off requirement, for a single fixed-bed bioreactor, for the production of viral vectors for advanced cell and gene therapies using mammalian cell culture.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This one-off requirement, for a single fixed-bed bioreactor, for the production of viral vectors for advanced cell and gene therapies (using mammalian cell culture), had to be medium-scale, GMP-compatible, and had to be suitable for process development and GMP-compatible clinical manufacturing. The selected instrument had to provide a colonisable surface area for cell growth of 10-30m² with working media volumes between one and up to four litres, and the possibility of integrated in-line harvest of the product.

Analysis of different suppliers' instruments, made it clear that there is currently only one suitable instrument to fulfil the requirements of an intermediate-scale fixed-bed bioreactor, noting that the colonisable surface area or potential current competitor's instruments were unfortunately either too small , or massively too large for the criteria outlined above.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 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

Univercells Technologies S A

Chemin de la Vieille Cour 56a and b 1400 Nivelles

Nivelles

Country

Belgium

NUTS code

- BE - Belgium

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £171,411.82

Lowest offer: £171,411 / Highest offer: £171,412 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The High Court

The Strand

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The High Court

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