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Contract

Scratch Testing Module

University of Northumbria at Newcastle

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Scope

Description

Northumbria University entered to a contract for the supply and installation of an OEM Scratch Testing Module (FT-ST04) and a Two-axis Microforce Sensing Probe (range up to 20 mN) with a diamond Berkovich tip. This equipment is an essential upgrade to the existing FemtoTools iO4 nanomechanical testing system located at the NU-PICO facility. The award was made directly to Oxford Instruments NanoTechnology Ltd. as the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and sole authorized supplier of the FemtoTools iO4 and NMT04 systems.

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Supplier

- Oxford Instruments NanoTechnology Tools Ltd

Contract value

- £49,893.60 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

19 December 2025

Contract dates

- 5 January 2026 to 3 July 2026
- 5 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38410000 - Metering instruments
- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

Oxford Instruments NanoTechnology Tools Ltd

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government