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Contract

## **Archive network attached storage**

University Of Edinburgh

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b3e4

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

University Of Edinburgh

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Edinburgh

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ed.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107)

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Archive network attached storage

Reference number

NCA30893

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48820000 - Servers

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 44316400 - Hardware

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

University of Edinburgh

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Rack dense network attached storage servers (60 disks or more, RAID5/6/50/60 controller, all server components in a single chassis with a maximum 4U footprint), and 3 year maintenance agreements.

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

36

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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**Section IV. Procedure**

**IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2020/S 023-052364](#)

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**Section V. Award of contract/concession**

**Contract No**

NCA30893

**Title**

Archive network attached storage

**V.2) Award of contract/concession**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

17 January 2020

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

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

Eclipse Computing

Units 1-3 Station Industrial Estate, Station Road

Mauchline

KA5 5EU

Telephone

+44 01290420987

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £400,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(SC Ref:726239)

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

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

Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 48820000 - Servers

#### **VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 44316400 - Hardware

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

University of Edinburgh

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The Wide Field Astronomy Unit has secured additional funding in order to further expand the high density compute server over the next 1-2 year period with the project to be completed by 2024. The increase does not exceed 50% of the initial contract value. The additional supplies and services required were not included in the initial procurement and a change of supplier cannot be made for technical reasons.

The original market investigation of the compute server suppliers showed that only Eclipse Computing can provide equipment matching the technical requirements for The Wide Field Astronomy Unit high density storage needs. The data centre is space limited and requires a very rack dense configuration of network attached storage devices. An NCA was approved on this basis in 2020. The contract modification would ensure interoperability with existing equipment procured under the initial procurement.

A change of supplier for the final phase of the server expansion would cause significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs for The Wide Field Astronomy Unit. Introducing new technical specifications would require re-engineering of the existing server solution and added administrative and software development workloads on already time-limited staff. Any new equipment specifications would require retooling existing service deployment and operations code. Even allowing for additional time and expense it is not guaranteed as to whether another supplier would be able to achieve our technical requirements and space constraints.

**VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

6

**VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£200,000

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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KA5 5EU

Telephone

+44 01290420987

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.2) Information about modifications**

**VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The Wide Field Astronomy Unit has secured additional funding in order to further expand the high density compute server over the next 1-2 year period with the project to be completed by 2024.

The original market investigation of the compute server suppliers showed that only Eclipse Computing can provide equipment matching the technical requirements for The Wide Field Astronomy Unit high density storage needs. The data centre is space limited and requires a very rack dense configuration of network attached storage devices. An NCA was approved on this basis in 2020. The contract modification would ensure interoperability with existing equipment procured under the initial procurement.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

A change of supplier for the final phase of the server expansion would cause significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs for The Wide Field Astronomy Unit. Introducing new technical specifications would require re-engineering of the existing server solution and added administrative and software development workloads on already time-limited staff. Any new equipment specifications would require retooling existing service deployment and operations code. Even allowing for additional time and expense it is not guaranteed as to whether another supplier would be able to achieve our technical requirements and space constraints.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £600,000