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Contract

## **The Provision of Ocean-Bottom Seismographs**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02fb13

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ32 - Southampton

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.soton.ac.uk](http://www.soton.ac.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

The Provision of Ocean-Bottom Seismographs

Reference number

2021UoS-0412

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The purchase of broadband ocean-bottom seismographs to be used primarily for solid Earth imaging using natural sources of seismic energy (e.g. earthquakes, ocean waves) but will also be used in experiments that use man made controlled seismic sources (e.g. airguns).

### **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: £389,350

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS)

European Way, Southampton SO14 3ZH

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Ocean-Bottom Instrumentation Facility (OBIF) has a successful track record of over 15 years of deploying a range of autonomous sensors on the seabed. OBIF is funded by the UK's Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and operated jointly by the Universities of Southampton and Durham to support researchers in a range of environmental science disciplines.

We carry out deployments in water depths ranging between 10's of m and 5500 m for periods from a few days to a year to measure parameters such as ground vibration, pressure, and electric and magnetic field strengths.

OBIF currently have a fleet of 55 autonomous seabed instruments, with a physical platform (flotation, pressure tubes, acoustic releases) modified from an original Scripps Institution of Oceanography design, although the current generation of loggers are an internal OBIF design. For measuring vibrations, we currently use high-frequency sensors. We have been awarded NERC capital funding to extend our capability by purchase of a number of market-established broadband ocean-bottom seismographs.

We wish to procure a small number (5-10 depending on cost) of broadband ocean-bottom seismographs to assess their interoperability with our existing instrument pool, with a view to expansion of these numbers in the mid-to-longer term. They will be used primarily for solid Earth imaging using natural sources of seismic energy (e.g. earthquakes, ocean waves) but will also be used in experiments that use manmade controlled seismic sources (e.g. airguns).

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory Technical Requirements / Weighting: Pass / Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Desirable Technical Requirements / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Exemplar Deployments / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of Data Samples / Weighting: 25

Cost criterion - Name: Number of Seismographs provided for the budget / Weighting: 20

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-029602](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2021UoS-0412

### **Title**

The Provision of Ocean-Bottom Seismographs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

14 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Nanometrics Inc

250 Herzberg Rd

Kanata, Ontario

K2K 2A1

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £395,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £389,350

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

University of Southampton

Southampton

Country

United Kingdom