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Contract

## **Purchase of Magnetotelluric (MT) Equipment**

University Of Edinburgh

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ebf0

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://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)

## **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**

Purchase of Magnetotelluric (MT) Equipment

Reference number

NCA31099

#### **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**

Purchase of Magnetotelluric (MT) Equipment

#### **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: £326,051.80

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

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

Purchase of Magnetotelluric (MT) Equipment

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

### **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

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## **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 purchase of five additional Magnetotelluric (MT) stations will allow a greater number of instruments to be used in the field at the same time, thus allowing a larger area to be studied, in less time. It is vital to the science that is undertaken by the users of the MT equipment that the frequency response of the magnetic sensors is the same across all equipment, as mixing and matching different types will introduce variations across the signal recorded. When the MT equipment is used in ice and snow environments such as those of the Antarctic the high impedance of the ice and snow makes electrical measurements hard to obtain. The existing supplier of MT equipment (Phoenix Geophysics) have a pre-amp system that uses a titanium electrode along with an electronics pack to measure these signals. They are the only supplier of these pre-amp systems.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Contract No**

NCA31099

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

6 March 2025

#### **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: 0

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**

Phoenix Geophysics Limited

3781 Victoria Park Ave., Unit #3

Toronto

M1W 3K5

Telephone

+14 168978048

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £326,051.80

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriffs Court

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Country

United Kingdom