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Contract

Specialist Forensics Ballistics Container Unit

UNIVERSITY OF KENT

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-009138

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ad20

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Specialist Forensics Ballistics Container Unit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 34221000 - Special-purpose mobile containers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Division of Natural Sciences were successful in receiving funding through the lenders ask process for the installation of a portable building for use as a specialist forensics

ballistics testing facility. The Division have been in discussions for several months regarding building options with a specialist provider of ready fitted out forensics ballistics testing facilities and were successful in receiving further funding to enable the purchase of a larger portable building rather than the originally planned converted shipping container.

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: £326,200

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 allow contracting authorities to proceed with the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice under a specific set of circumstances. The University has determined that two of these circumstances apply to this contract. The University considers that the use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract under Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 is justified for the following reasons:

Circumstance 1 (article 32(2) (b))

"Where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:-

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons"

The University have identified Energy Containment Concepts Limited as the UK's leading supplier of Ballistics facilities and specifically purpose designed forensic ranges <https://www.ecc-eng.com/forensic-ranges> as the only suitable supplier.

Circumstance 2 (article 32 (5) (a))

"The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public supply contracts -

(a) where the products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experimentation, study or development, but contracts awarded in reliance on this sub paragraph shall not include quantity production to establish commercial viability or to recover research and development costs"

This is a specialist mobile ballistics unit that would be used to enhance teaching and research capability within the Forensic Science programme at the University of Kent.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Specialist Forensics Ballistics Container Unit

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Energy Containment Concepts Limited

19 Peel Street

Huddersfield

HD7 6BW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

05447392

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £326,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £326,200

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom