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## **Metal 3D Printer**

COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR APPLICATIONS CATAPULT LIMITED

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Metal 3D Printer

Reference number

ICT-2021-046

#### **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**

Scope The Compound Semiconductor Applications (CSA) Catapult is looking to create a modular, flexible, accelerated prototype package assembly and test facility for RF, Photonics, and Power compound semiconductor devices, modules and systems. This would allow research, proof of concept and demonstrate its feasibility and small volume prototype build. As part of the electronics package assembly research and development methodology we require a machine that can produce customised prototype metal parts using additive manufacturing technology. This will allow the CSA Catapult to support the Driving the Electric Revolution - Industrialisation Centres (DERIC) programme that is currently active within the UK in developing novel technology for power electronic devices and other types of semiconductor devices. The intention is that the additive manufacturing of bespoke metal components will closely support the requirements of development programmes and further the development of electronic and semiconductor device packaging with novel solutions not currently possible using traditional manufacturing techniques. The equipment will also compliment the hybridisation programmes for packaging that are currently in progress at the CSA Catapult. The equipment shall be

flexible and be able to process several metals compatible with the advanced packaging of electronic devices. These include copper, nickel alloys, and stainless steels. Other materials may be of interest as well due the nature of any developments. The manufacturer/authorised vendor shall install the system at CSA Catapults Innovation Centre, which will be equipped with access to all power and services for full installation and operation and be used to support contract research and development or commercial opportunities within the UK. The manufacturer/authorised vendor is also responsible for providing necessary training, warranty and service/maintenance support System Outline The system architecture is expected to be a standalone machine and is expected to have additional post processing equipment to support the component build. This will include equipment for cleaning, curing and sintering of the parts to produce this final component. It may also include equipment to handle, store and sort the raw material. The system should have capability to be used for both prototype device and low volume production quantities. The system shall be easy to configure and change for the user to allow different processes. A system solution is required that is flexible and upgradeable in the future. Additional module options can then be purchased based on changing industry trends or specific requirements from customers or partners for technology development. The system should also include user software, installation and training. The estimated value of the contract is £250,000 to £350,000 including all options and extensions. The system will be ordered in June and installed in September 2021.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.6) Original notice reference**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-009390](#)

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## **Section VII. Changes**

### **VII.1) Information to be changed or added**

### **VII.2) Other additional information**

#### **Scope**

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#### **System Outline**

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A system solution is required that is flexible and upgradeable in the future. Additional module options can then be purchased based on changing industry trends or specific requirements from customers or partners for technology development. The system should also include user software, installation and training.

The estimated value of the contract is £450,000 to £550,000 including all options and extensions.

The system will be ordered in June and installed in October 2021.

To express interest in this opportunity and receive the procurement documents, please email [procurement@csa.catapult.org.uk](mailto:procurement@csa.catapult.org.uk) with the reference ICT-2021-049 in the subject field.

The deadline for this opportunity is 10am on 8 June 2021.