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Contract

School of Physics & Astronomy: Inductively Coupled Plasma Reactive-Ion Etching System

University of St Andrews

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-028ca4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/procurement/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00111

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

School of Physics & Astronomy: Inductively Coupled Plasma Reactive-Ion Etching System

Reference number

PHA/220121/AD/SL

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 22520000 - Dry-etching equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The School of Physics & Astronomy is seeking to enhance its research and teaching activity through the acquisition of an Inductively Coupled Plasma Reactive-Ion Etching (ICP-RIE) system.

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: £273,125

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 42122450 - Vacuum pumps
- 42124300 - Parts of air or vacuum pumps, of air or gas compressors

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Main site or place of performance

UK-St Andrews

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

We require an Inductively Coupled Plasma Reactive-Ion Etching (ICP-RIE) system for high quality etching (high etch rates, side wall angle control and low sidewall roughness) of

- silicon,
- silicon compounds (e.g. SiC, Si₃N₄),
- compound III-V & compound II-VI semiconductors (e.g. AlGaInP, InGaP, AlGaAs, InP, GaAs, GaN, etc.),
- dielectrics (e.g. ZnO₂, TiO, ITO, Al₂O₃, ZrO₂, etc.),
- metals (e.g. Cr, Al, Ti, Au, W, Pt, etc.) and
- organics (e.g. resists like SU8, S1818, etc and polymers like parylene, PS etc)

containing an inductively coupled plasma (ICP) source for the generation of plasmas with high ion density, low ion energy and narrow energy distribution (ion energy and ion density are separately controllable via an included bias generator).

The ICP-RIE etcher should be fully clean room-compatible. Wafers should be loaded into the etching chamber via a vacuum load lock for process stability, short process cycle times and safety issues. The substrate electrode should be He back-side cooled for dynamic, direct and very efficient temperature control of the substrate in a range of -20 °C to 150 °C, which may require the attachment of an external chiller (to be included in quotation). The etcher should be equipped with a laser interferometer to allow for live detection of the etching progress, and optionally also with an optical emission spectrometer for monitoring of chamber condition. The etcher should be compatible with fluorinated and chlorinated gases. The entire system should be operated from a PC (to be included in delivery).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 35

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

II.2.14) Additional information

All Tenders for the University of St Andrews are administered through our e-Tendering System (InTend). To Express an Interest please go to our tender website at:
<https://intendhost.co.uk/universityofstandrews>

Please note that 'Notes of Interest' placed via PCS (Public Contracts Scotland) are not automatically accepted.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

PHA/220121/ADF/SL

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SENTECH Instruments GmbH

Schwarzschildstrasse 2

Berlin

12489

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE3 - Berlin

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £273,125

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Telephone

+44 1382229961

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University of St Andrews will incorporate a minimum of 10 calendar day standstill period at the point of information on the award of the contract being communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from The University of St Andrews.

If an appeal regarding the award of contract has not been successfully resolved The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rule to take action in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.

The anticipated review body in such cases would be:

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Telephone: +44 1382 229 961

Anyone bringing court proceedings against the University of St Andrews must inform the University of St Andrews in advance of the alleged breach and its intention to bring proceedings. Any such action must be brought within 15 days of the date on which a decision is sent to them or published to challenge that decision.

Proceedings seeking an ineffectiveness order must be brought within 30 days of the publication of the contract award notice in the OJEU, or 30 days from the date of a decision letter to all tenderers concerned, and any candidates concerned, containing a summary of the reason for the recipient being unsuccessful, otherwise 6 months from the date of entering into the contract or concluding the framework agreement.

Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may, by interim order, suspend the procurement procedure. The court may also set aside a decision or actions taken by the University or order it to amend and document; and/or award damages. However, by express requirement the court may decide not to grant an interim order when the negative consequences of such an order are likely to outweigh the benefits, having regard to a number of considerations.

If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the nature of the breach: make an ineffectiveness order; impose a financial penalty; shorten the duration of the contract; make any other order considered appropriate to address the consequences of ineffectiveness or shortening the duration or the contract; award damages.