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## **PURCH2403 Provision Of Contract Agreement For Large-Scale Vacuum Chamber**

University of Glasgow

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM82 - Glasgow City

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00108](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00108)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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**

PURCH2403 Provision Of Contract Agreement For Large-Scale Vacuum Chamber

Reference number

PURCH2403

#### **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**

PURCH2403 Provision Of Contract Agreement For Large-Scale Vacuum Chamber For The Period Of 12 Months With The Option To Extend For 2 X 12 Months.

Tender documents available from Public Contracts Scotland.

Tender returns should be submitted via Public Contracts Scotland, no paper copies will be accepted. Should paper tenders be submitted, they will be rejected. Further to this any questions or communications regarding individual tender exercises must be sent via the Public Contracts Scotland Portal. Tender queries received through any other channel will not be answered. Should users of Public Contracts Scotland have any problems with the web site they should contact website Support Desk, contact details can be found by following the 'Contact Us' option on the left hand menu at <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/default.aspx>

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

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

PURCH2403 Provision Of Contract Agreement For Large-Scale Vacuum Chamber For The Period Of 12 Months With The Option To Extend For 2 X 12 Months.

The Institute for Gravitational Research requires a large scale accessible vacuum system to be used for prototyping next generation room temperature fused silica mirror suspension technology for 3rd generation gravitational-wave observatory infrastructure. These instruments will extend the range of gravitational astronomy by at least an order of magnitude. The UK will be a key future contributor to this research, co-developing the conceptual design of the next generation of interferometer mirror suspension technology. To prototype and de-risk future suspension technology, the vacuum system should have minimum dimensions of 2.7 metres tall with 1.2 m by 0.8 m rectangular base footprint. Other uses will include testing of Birmingham/Glasgow collaboratively produced 6D sensors. The system should be capable of reaching a lowest working pressure of  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar, and be able to be pumped from atmospheric pressure to this in a period of 4-7 days. Internally the system must be capable of supporting up to 2 tonnes of internal load as well as its own weight. The system should include monitoring gauges and pumps. To enable the system to be installed in our lab, it should be able to be transported through a 1.5-metre-wide x 2-metre-tall door, and then installed upright in the lab space.

Please Refer To ITT Document For Additional Information.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Section 1 – Vacuum Chamber / Weighting: 19%

Quality criterion - Name: Section 2 - Vacuum Performance / Weighting: 12%

Quality criterion - Name: Section 2 - Additional Parameters / Weighting: 19%

Quality criterion - Name: Section 2 - Delivery & Installation / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 40%

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend 2 x 12 months

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

- Product liability insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than five million pounds sterling (5,000,000) in relation to any one claim or series of claims.
- Public liability insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than five million pounds sterling (5,000,000 GBP) in relation to any one claim or series of claims;
- Employer's liability insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than five million pounds sterling (5,000,000 GBP);
- Financial Turnover: Provide general yearly turnover for previous 3 financial years and copy of 3 years annual accounts. See University guideline on the Financial Health of Suppliers at the following link:  
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/procurementoffice/informationforsuppliers/allsuppliers/>

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Once the deadline has passed submissions can neither be created nor submitted. It is not advisable for Suppliers to wait until the last moment before creating and dispatching a response in case of any last minute problems. Please note large files should be uploaded as early as possible to ensure transfer before deadline. If a Supplier is having problems uploading to the PCS site, then the University must be informed well in advance and depending upon the merit of the case, the University may arrange for the tender to remain open on the PCS system for a short period after the deadline time stated. System problems do not fall under the University's remit and should be referred to PCS.

Postbox Security: Postbox submissions cannot be accessed by anyone, including Millstream, (the provider of the Public Contracts Scotland system) until the deadline.

Freedom of Information

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Information may also be requested under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) tailored by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=763802](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=763802).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

- employment and training opportunities for priority groups
- vocational training
- up-skilling of the existing workforce
- equality and diversity initiatives
- making sub-contracting opportunities available to SMEs, the third sector and supported businesses
- supply-chain development activity
- building capacity in community organisations
- educational support initiatives
- work with schools, colleges and universities to offer work experience

Please advise what community benefits you commit to delivering as a result of this

Contract.

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

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

Glasgow Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9TW

Country

United Kingdom