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Contract

QUB/2601/25 Contract for the supply of an Acoustic Liquid Handling System

Queens University Belfast

F03: Contract award notice

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

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Queens University Belfast

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Belfast

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast.aspx/Home>

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

QUB/2601/25 Contract for the supply of an Acoustic Liquid Handling System

Reference number

QUB/2601/25

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

An acoustic liquid handler is required to enable the precise and accurate dispensing of small volumes of fluids into assay plates for downstream applications and to enable the miniaturisation of assays by handling nanolitre volumes. Uses will include compound management and dispensing of reagents, including DMSO, for high-throughput screening applications, functional screening and assay development activities. A system with non-contact transfer is required to eliminate the use of disposable tips, reduce the risk of cross-contamination between samples, and maintain sample integrity whilst minimising plastic waste generation.

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: £820,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

QUB Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 40%

Price - Weighting: 60%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

One off purchase with an option to extend maintenance and the purchase of consumables and ancillary items beyond this period to the end of useful life of the equipment.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

QUB/2601/25

Title

QUB/2601/25 Contract for the supply, delivery & Installation of an Acoustic Liquid Handling System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

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

LabPlan LTd

Naas, Co Kildare

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

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: £800,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £820,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Queens University Belfast

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom