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Contract

School of Chemistry: Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

University of St Andrews

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b3ed

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Guardbridge

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Telephone

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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/>

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 Chemistry: Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

Reference number

CHM/051124/BB/SL

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38433000 - Spectrometers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Lot 1: Q-band pulse EPR spectrometer

Lot 2: Q-band pulse EPR resonator with high concentration sensitivity

Lot 3: Q-band pulse EPR resonator with high absolute sensitivity

Lot 4: Q-band pulse microwave amplifier

Lot 5: Radiofrequency amplifier

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £441,165.40

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Q-Band Pulse EPR Resonator with High Absolute Sensitivity

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics

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

- Q-band resonator with small sample access for high absolute sensitivity.

- Operating temperatures from 1.8 K to 300 K.

- Compatible with Cryogenics Cryogen Free Variable Temperature Cryostat.
- Connected via WR-28 waveguides.
- Cold sample loading system.
- Typical B1 conversion factor at low Q.
- Sample access size: diameter and active length.
- Bandwidth at low Q.
- Optical access.
- Short ring down time with low Q and high-power pulses.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Q-Band Pulse EPR Resonator with High Concentration Sensitivity

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38433000 - Spectrometers
- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics

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

- Q-band resonator with large sample access for high concentration sensitivity.
- Operating temperatures from 1.8 K to 300 K.
- Compatible with Cryogenics Cryogen Free Variable Temperature Cryostat.
- Connected via WR-28 waveguides.
- Cold sample loading system.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Q-Band Pulse Microwave Amplifier

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32343000 - Amplifiers

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

- Q-band microwave amplifier for pulse operation.
- At least 40 W peak power (46 dB gain from 1 dBm).
- Frequency of operation.
- Peak power.

- Typical gain.
- Input and output connectors.
- Pulse rise and fall times.
- Maximum gate length and duty cycle.
- Enclosure and power supply.
- WR-28 output connection.
- 100 W or more output peak power.
- noise blanking.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Radiofrequency Amplifier

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32343100 - Audio-frequency amplifiers

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

- 10 kHz – 100 MHz output.
- Peak power.
- Gain.
- Duty cycle.
- Input and output connectors.
- Enclosure and power supply.
- 150 W or more output peak power.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Q-Band Pulse EPR Spectrometer

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38433000 - Spectrometers

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

Q-Band Pulse EPR Spectrometer

- An existing Bruker E580 X-band (~9.5 GHz) pulse EPR spectrometer operating with a Bruker ER 073 electromagnet, and a Cryogenics Cryogen Free Variable Temperature Cryostat is to be replaced, extended or upgraded to Q-band (~34 GHz).

- The current 3.6 kW magnet power supply will need to be exchanged with a 12 kW power supply (Bruker ER 83 CS) available in the laboratory.
- The current capability of generating arbitrary waveforms is to be retained.
- The current capability of ENDOR (electron nuclear double resonance) is to be retained.
- A data acquisition workstation and software licence are to be provided (Bruker Xepr license could be exchanged).
- Pulse programming allowing standard experiments and usual phase cycles (4-pulse DEER, 5-pulse RIDME, 6 Pulse DQC, 2 and 3-pulse ESEEM, HYSCORE, Mims- and Davies-ENDOR etc.).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-035746](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Q-Band Pulse EPR Resonator with High Absolute Sensitivity

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bruker UK

Banner Lane

Coventry

CV4 9GH

Telephone

+44 07900053596

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £38,765.40

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Q-Band Pulse EPR Spectrometer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 April 2025

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

spinflex instruments ltd

Tzahal 99 Ashkelon, israel

Ashkelon

7859323

Telephone

+972 504954284

Country

Israel

NUTS code

- IL - Israel

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £402,400

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Q-Band Pulse Microwave Amplifier

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £402,400

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

5

Title

Radiofrequency Amplifier

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £402,400

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Q-Band Pulse EPR Resonator with High Concentration Sensitivity

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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

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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 of the contract; award damages.