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Contract

## **Liquid Handling Robots for C-19 Testing**

University Of Edinburgh

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02cd56

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/procurement/supplying>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107)

**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

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Liquid Handling Robots for C-19 Testing

Reference number

NCA30960

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.1.4) Short description**

These 3 liquid handling robots will be used for testing for COVID-19 in saliva samples as part of the University of Edinburgh's TestEd programme. The robots are required for testing all staff and students at the beginning of the September 2021 term.

### **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: £313,110

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus

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

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Institute of Genetics and Cancer

University of Edinburgh

IGC Goods Inward

Carrington Crescent

Western General Hospital

Crewe Road

Edinburgh

EH4 2XR

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

Under Regulation Reg 33(1)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, a contracting authority may use the negotiated procedure without the prior publication in the case of a public contract, based on the following justification:

Competition is absent for technical reasons (only if it is not caused by artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists); and

33(4)(b) For the purchase of additional goods, where the University would have compatibility issues or disproportionate technical difficulties in purchasing from a party other than original supplier.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This purchase includes application training.

#### **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 IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The TestEd programme was established developed and optimised using a Tecan robot platform. It is therefore not feasible in the timeframe required for the project to re-develop the pipelines using an alternate robot manufacturer. This is particularly relevant as the robots require significant consumables and these are not readily compatible between manufacturers. In addition the Tecan platform has unique technical advantages making it suited to the required application.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

NCA30960

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 July 2021

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

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**

Tecan

Theale Court, 11-13 High Street

Theale

RG7 5AH

Telephone

+44 7469153786

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £313,110

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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**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom