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Contract

## **3243/JN - Fused Filament 3D Printer**

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03210c

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

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

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

Western Bank

SHEFFIELD

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKE32 - Sheffield

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sheffield/>

**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**

3243/JN - Fused Filament 3D Printer

Reference number

3243/JN

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 42990000 - Miscellaneous special-purpose machinery

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

With co-funding from the European Regional Development Fund, the University of Sheffield has established a flagship national Translation Energy Research Centre (TERC) - a multitechnology, integrated platform for research, development and innovation at pilot-scale, to understand and demonstrate green energy solutions for a secure, affordable and sustainable energy system. It is one of the largest and best-equipped research and development facilities in Europe for zero-carbon energy, hydrogen, bioenergy, CCUS and

combustion. The centre has a range of novel pilot scale technologies and is continuously evolving to meet industrial research requirements. Often there is a need to design and manufacture prototypes, jigs, parts and tools quickly and effectively in order to react to the needs of the research programme. Therefore, the operational team is exploring the use of 3D printing technologies to support these activities.

#### **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: £84,483

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

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

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKE32 - Sheffield

Main site or place of performance

Translational Energy Research Centre

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

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The TERC operational team has explored a range of 3D printing technologies and whilst metal based printers offer high performance, the complexity of design, print time, build restriction and multiphased manufacture process mean that this technology is not considered suitable for the required application. Furthermore, manufactured parts will need to endure reasonably high temperatures and possess reasonably high strength properties, so base level plastic printing methods are not considered adequate. Therefore, the operational team is looking to procure a composite based 3D printing system, capable of providing the desired flexibility as well as strength, accuracy and size of the application summarised in the technical specification.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - 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: [2022/S 000-006770](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

3243/JN

### **Title**

Fused Filament 3D Printer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

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

6 June 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

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**

Additive-X Ltd

College Business Park, Kearsley Road, Ripon

York

HG4 2RN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

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: £85,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £84,483

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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