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# (VEAT NOTICE) - Orbitrap Ascend Tribrid Mass Spectrometer with ETD, UVPD

**Aston University** 

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047040

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## Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

**Aston University** 

Aston Triangle

**BIRMINGHAM** 

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Contact

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Country

**United Kingdom** 

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

**Companies House** 

RC000904

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.aston.ac.uk

## 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

(VEAT NOTICE) - Orbitrap Ascend Tribrid Mass Spectrometer with ETD, UVPD

Reference number

1006

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 38433100 - Mass spectrometer

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

**Supplies** 

#### II.1.4) Short description

Aston University is putting out this notice as a VEAT (Voluntary Ex ante Transparency Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award to Thermo Electron Manufacturing Limited T/A Thermo Fisher Scientific for the Supply, installation, service and maintenance of an Orbitrap Ascend Tribrid Mass Spectrometer with Electron-transfer dissociation (ETD), Ultraviolet photodissociation (UVPD) including Oil-Free Roughing Pump and associated equipment.

#### 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: £1,488,712

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKG31 - Birmingham

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

Aston University intends to award the contract without a call for competition in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ((32.2(b) ii.

The contract duration is expected to be June 2024 to June 2027.

Aston University requires an Orbitrap Ascend Tribrid Mass Spectrometer with ETD, UVPD including Oil-Free Roughing Pump and associated equipment. Thermo Scientific hold the patent on the orbitrap mass analyser and are the sole supplier of all orbitrap instruments. The orbitrap is unique in its ability to offer ultra-high resolution and mass accuracy capabilities (FWHM 480,000) which is not matched by any other type of mass analyser. This level of high-resolution Mass Spectrometer is required for the scientific work with Lipidomics, protein-lipid interactions, Proteomics/ oxPTMs and Native proteins that Aston University intends to conduct with the Mass Spectrometer.

The University will not enter the proposed contract before 24th June 2024

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

### 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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

#### **Explanation:**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

## Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

#### V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

14 June 2024

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Thermo Electron Manufacturing Limited T/A Thermo Fisher Scientific

Altrincham

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UKD34 - Greater Manchester South West

Companies House

00441506

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,488,712

# Section VI. Complementary information

# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aston University

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom