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Contract

UKRI-1992 An Education Platform for Quantum Computing

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-1992 An Education Platform for Quantum Computing

Reference number

UKRI-1992

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The UK's National Quantum Computing Centre (NQCC) seeks to purchase an enterprise licence for a cloud-accessible, educational training platform aimed at familiarising students in higher education, as well as professionals in industry and business, with key concepts in quantum computing, without the requirement for formal training in a related field (such as PhD-level physics, mathematics, and computer science).

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: £81,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The educational training platform should provide individual users with access to a learning environment that includes a series of training modules, whereby users can learn progressively at their own pace, test their knowledge retention, and monitor their progress through to completion of the course. The platform should provide users with a sufficient grounding in the key concepts of quantum computing to provide a pathway into quantum programming, as well as an understanding of quantum circuit design. The learning experience should be supplemented through access to an online community network, driven by users offering mutually supportive learning.

The aim of the NQCC in deploying such a tool is to drive greater awareness, understanding and engagement in quantum computing among the UK workforce from an early stage. This initiative aligns to the NQCC's wider strategic priorities to enable a 'quantum ready' UK economy through delivering skills development and training opportunities.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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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NUTS code

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National registration number

N/A

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £81,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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