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Contract

UKRI-1552 - HPM ? Live High-Pressure Freezer

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKK14 - Swindon

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research and Innovation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-1552 - HPM ? Live High-Pressure Freezer

Reference number

UKRI-1552

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for the supply of a HPM ? Live High-Pressure Freezer.

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: £297,820

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is for the supply of a HPM ? Live High-Pressure Freezer including delivery and installation at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory.

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

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

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

HPM ? Live high-pressure freezer, manufactured by CryoCapCell, and distributed in the UK by Labtech International Ltd.

This instrument is required for a correlative microscopy development programme at the Central Laser Facility. A key requirement of this programme is a cryogenic sample prep method which enables the capture of highly dynamic events for the analysis of their detailed ultrastructure in cryo-EM methods. This would underpin several major projects for both in-house research and the user access programme.

The only High-Pressure Freezer that is capable of preparing samples this way is the HPM ? Live. CryoCapCell has patented under patent no. WO2020/035522 A1 a hydraulically controlled cryopreservation device with a pressure-raising system that is capable of rising the pressure up to 2000bars in 2 milliseconds (against at least 15 milliseconds for the competitors). This enables the system to freeze a sample in

The manufacturer (CryoCapCell) has an exclusive distribution agreement with Labtech International Ltd. Labtech is therefore the only legal distributor for this product in the UK.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Labtech International Limited

Mytogen House, 11 Browning Road

Heathfield

TN21 8DB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

National registration number

02779599

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £297,820

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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