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Contract

## **UKRI-1552 - HPM      Live High-Pressure Freezer**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02d3e3

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukri.org](http://www.ukri.org)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research and Innovation

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**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

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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 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

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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**

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

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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**

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