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Award

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR)

University of Ulster

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0356fb

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

NIC100166

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ulster.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

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR)

Reference number

project_27057

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR)

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: 541,500 EUR

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Currently the Northern Ireland Functional Brain Mapping (NIFBM) facility located at the Intelligent Systems Research Centre (ISRC) in MS building of Magee campus, has the Neuromag Triux MEG system, which is a CE-certified proprietary medical device of MEGIN OY.

In order to be able to continue with clinical works, the upgraded MEG system with Helium in close-cycle, must also be medical grade. The MEGIN's Internal Helium Recycler (IHR) upgrade is the only Helium recycler technology capable of offering zero-loss Helium recycling and integrate fully with the medical grade Triux MEG system.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

Explanation:

It is the intension of the University of Ulster to award this procurement, upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR) to Megin Oy. This however is subject to funding approval, 100% funding from the UK Medical Research Council in November 2022 is anticipated.

The University will not receive formal confirmation that their application for this award has been successful until 1st November 2022. The conditions on this funding award stipulates that the award funding must be spent by 31st March 2023. As this spend is above threshold and is to be awarded via a direct award the University are issuing this VEAT Notice to the marketplace in August 2022 to ensure transparency on this potential expenditure. If the University waited until November timeframe to do this VEAT notice they could not place the Order for this equipment until the standstill period associated with the VEAT regulations had expired. This delay would cause issues as this would conflict with the lead time required by the manufacturer for placement of Purchase Order and delivery of equipment by the deadline of 31st March 2023.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

28 July 2022

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

Megin Oy

Keilasatama 5

Finland

Country

Finland

NUTS code

- FI - Finland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: 541,500 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 541,500 EUR

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The University shall instruct a mandatory 10 days standstill period commencing on 29-July-2022 (this will be the date after the VEAT notice is published) ending at midnight on 08-August-2022 and will not enter into a contract until after this standstill period finishes.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings alleging that the University is in breach of its duties under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 must be started in the High Court of Northern Ireland, in accordance with the time limits set out in those Regulations. The University will not enter into the contract before the end of a period of at least 10 days beginning with the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in the Official Journal.