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Contract

1920-59-RIS-LW ERDF Funded - ITT FOR a Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI) imaging Mass Spectrometer, micro Computerised Tomography (micro CT) scanner and Atomic Force Microscopy-Ra

Sheffield Hallam University

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKE32 - Sheffield

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Main address

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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

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Reference number

1920-59-RIS-LW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Sheffield Hallam University has been awarded substantial funding by the European Regional Development Fund to create the Sheffield Testing Imaging and Characterisation Centre. As part of this funding instrumentation for Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Mass Spectrometry Imaging (MALDI-MSI) (Lot 1), High Resolution Benchtop Micro Computerised Tomography (Lot 2) and Atomic Force Microscopy-Raman (AFM-Raman) Spectroscopy (Lot 3) will be purchased.

The project is receiving funding from the England European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (and in London the intermediate body Greater London Authority) is the Managing Authority for European Regional Development Fund.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,025,000

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

A mass spectrometry imaging system incorporating a matrix assisted laser desorption ionisation source, an electrospray source³ and nhplc/uplc system(s)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38433100 - Mass spectrometer

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE32 - Sheffield

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The project is receiving up to £2.7M of funding from the England European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (and in London the intermediate body Greater London Authority) is the Managing Authority for European Regional Development Fund. Established by the European Union, the European Regional Development Fund helps local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support innovation, businesses, create jobs and local community regenerations. For more information visit <https://www.gov.uk/european-growth-funding>

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The likely use of the Integrated AFM-Raman Imaging System will be in biotech, pharmaceuticals, high precision engineering, NHS, and Private healthcare centres and SMEs developing new products.

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material or ability to function in extreme environments.

- Increase competitiveness of UK and SCR companies in priority sectors, including manufacturing, health care technologies and devices.
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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to meet essential technical requirements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: The Instruments/Equipment Proposed / Weighting: 40%

Quality criterion - Name: Samples / Weighting: 9%

Quality criterion - Name: Usability, Operation and System Configuration / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Build Quality / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: System Development and Functionality / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Software Provision and Support / Weighting: 6%

Quality criterion - Name: Cost and Impact of ownership / Weighting: 2%

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery / Weighting: For Information Only

Quality criterion - Name: Installation, Commissioning and Training / Weighting: 2%

Quality criterion - Name: Warranty and Maintenance / Weighting: 7%

Quality criterion - Name: Student Opportunities / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Site Preparation / Weighting: For Information Only

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

A High-Resolution Benchtop Micro Computerised Tomography (micro-CT) scanner

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33110000 - Imaging equipment for medical, dental and veterinary use

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE32 - Sheffield

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Quality criterion - Name: Ability to meet essential technical requirements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: The Instruments/Equipment Proposed / Weighting: 50%

Quality criterion - Name: Usability, Operation and System Configuration / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Build Quality / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: System Development and Functionality / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Software Provision and Support / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Cost and Impact of ownership / Weighting: 2%

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Quality criterion - Name: Site Preparation / Weighting: For Information Only

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

An Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) - Raman Spectrometer

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33114000 - Spectroscopy devices

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE32 - Sheffield

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Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: The Instruments/Equipment Proposed / Weighting: 50%

Quality criterion - Name: Usability, Operation and System Configuration / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Build Quality / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: System Development and Functionality / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Software Provision and Support / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Cost and Impact of ownership / Weighting: 2%

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery / Weighting: For Information Only

Quality criterion - Name: Installation, Commissioning and Training / Weighting: 2%

Quality criterion - Name: Warranty and Maintenance / Weighting: 7%

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Quality criterion - Name: Site Preparation / Weighting: For Information Only

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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

Lot No

1

Title

A mass spectrometry imaging system incorporating a matrix assisted laser desorption ionisation source, an electrospray source³ and nhplc/uplc system(s)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

A High-Resolution Benchtop Micro Computerised Tomography (micro-CT) scanner

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 August 2021

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

BLUESCIENTIFIC Ltd

Cambridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £187,334

Total value of the contract/lot: £187,334

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

An Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) - Raman Spectrometer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HORIBA UK Limited

Northampton

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £166,620

Total value of the contract/lot: £166,620

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheffield Hallam University

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom