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Contract

## **Contract Award under Reg 32(5)(a) for OPTIma Data Acquisition System (DAQ's)**

University of Lincoln

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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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

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Contract Award under Reg 32(5)(a) for OPTIma Data Acquisition System (DAQ's)

Reference number

331

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 31682210 - Instrumentation and control equipment

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Design, fabrication and assembly of Data Acquisition System (DAQ) for the Optimising Proton Therapy through Imaging (OPTIma) camera system.

### **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: 677,712 EUR

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF3 - Lincolnshire

Main site or place of performance

Lincolnshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is a contract award notice for the design and manufacture of a Data Acquisition System (DAQ's) to support the Optimising Proton Therapy through Imaging (OPTIma) Project. The DAQ's will be integrated into the OPTIma camera system which will be used in the Research Room of the NHS Proton Beam Therapy Centre at The Christie Hospital Manchester. The instrument is for research purposes only and is a single unit only. The instrument will be used to examine Proton Computed Tomography (PCT) with a scanning beam and look at the feasibility of using proton PCT for treatment planning. OPTIma builds directly on the previous PRaVDA project technology, The DAQ's in the PRaVDA project were designed and manufactured by aSpect and we are building directly on their base technology.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 100

### **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

Explanation:

Whilst the value of this procurement is above the PCR 2015 threshold for supplies, there are legitimate grounds for invoking regulation 32(5)(a) as the supplies being procured are specifically being manufactured for the purpose of research with no intention to establish commercial viability or recover research and development costs.

The Data Acquisition System (DAQs) being designed and manufactured will be integrated into the OPTIma camera system (OPTIma) which will be used in the Research Room of the Proton Therapy Centre at the Christie Hospital in Manchester. The instrument is for research purposes only and is a single unit only. OPTIma builds directly on previous PRaVDA project technology. It would not be possible for another manufacturer to compete in this situation. The DAQs in the PRaVDA project were designed and manufactured by Aspect GmbH and we are building directly on their base technology.

Given the unique nature of this purchase and the background of pre-established highly specialist technology, it would be impossible to run a competitive procurement. The use of Regulation 32(5)(a) is a suitable route to the University for this purchase and the award adheres to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as a legally compliant route.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

2 August 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

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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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 677,712 EUR

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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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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).