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Contract

CAVA Project

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

CAVA Project

Reference number

PURCON1047

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for the development of a prototype novel medical diagnostic device.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £15,000 / Highest offer: £469,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is for the development of a prototype novel medical diagnostic device.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Further prototypes and development work may be required.

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The University procured three quotes for the development of a prototype novel medical diagnostic device in June 2014. The project was in its infancy and funding for a clinical trial was not secured at this time. Three quotes were obtained for the above services in accordance with the University's financial regulations. The contract was valued below the then current threshold for regulated procurement. Further services were procured in March 2016 (again below threshold both on its own and in combination with the June 2014 expenditure). The project was speculative and at the time of these procurements it was not possible to know whether the project would succeed, be taken forward or funded.

In November 2017 the principal investigator was awarded Medical Research Council funding to progress the project to the stage of clinical trial. At this time the cost of next (funded) stage of work and the cost of the next (funded) stage of work combined with the original services was below the then current threshold.

Due to the unexpected success of the research, it is anticipated that the University will require a further spend on services to produce further devices to allow further clinical trials, up a value over the threshold in order to bring the research to market.

Competition is currently unavailable, as all preliminary clinical trials to date have been performed using a specific design with specific assurances from the original service provider. To transfer services to a different provider would require a duplication of the current work to date to repeat initial clinical trials to satisfy UK regulatory bodies. This would cost millions of pounds, and this would not be deemed acceptable by the original funding streams. Furthermore, there would be significant ethical issues associated with recruiting clinical trial participants to repeat work that would otherwise be unnecessary.

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

Contract No

PURCON1047

Title

CAVA Project

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2022

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

Wright Design Limited

7 Wellington Court

Cambridge

CB1 1HZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH1 - East Anglia

Companies House

06783313

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £15,000 / Highest offer: £469,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of East Anglia

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