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Contract

DA0192 Falcon Upgrade

University Of Edinburgh

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f850

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University Of Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/procurement/supplying>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

DA0192 Falcon Upgrade

Reference number

DA0192

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38512200 - Molecular microscopes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The FALCON module enables Protein – Protein association studies. This is important for HGU and IGC work as it enables researchers to see where molecules are binding within a cell, organoid or model organism. There isn't another IGC piece of equipment which can do this work. The studies are live so travel to the closest working system in Dundee is very challenging. This is an upgrade to an existing piece of equipment already installed within the university.

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: £121,023.24

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38512200 - Molecular microscopes

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Leica Stellaris was originally purchased in 2021 from the funding the MRC received to boost medical research during the Covid Period.

The decision making at that point had to be very quick as the funding was on a short turn around. Emerging research, particularly since the QQR has identified a need for an upgrade which would enable 'F-techniques' such as FRET and FLIM for association studies.

The Stellaris is much more sensitive and fast than other similar AIR confocals. Which is likely why at the time of initial purchase there was no research ask for this work. However as users have discovered what the instrument is capable of they now want to make use of its extended functionality.

The increase in usage of the current confocal has highlighted that an increase in functionality will increase its chargeable core working time, this increase in functionality will come from the proposed upgrade with the addition of the falcon module

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

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 MaxCyte ExPERT GTx is the only instrument available on the market that can perform transfection of human cells at a scale compatible with large-scale genome engineering applications: up to 20 billion cells per experiment.

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

Contract No

DA0192

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 August 2023

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: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Leica Microsystems (UK) Ltd

Larch House, Woodlands Business Park, Breckland, Linford Wood West

Milton Keynes

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NUTS code

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Internet address

<https://www.leica-microsystems.com>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £121,023.24

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:743321)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom