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Contract

## **Provision of Hardware & Software for CoSTAR National Lab**

ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND BEDFORD NEW COLLEGE

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND BEDFORD NEW COLLEGE

Egham Hill

EGHAM

TW200EX

#### **Email**

[procurement@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:procurement@rhul.ac.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1784276497

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ25 - West Surrey

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/>

**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**

Provision of Hardware & Software for CoSTAR National Lab

Reference number

RHUL-24081

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48210000 - Networking software package

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The University is engaging Disguise to supply Disguise hardware and software and the Production Team to be used at the CoSTAR National Lab.

### **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: £1,769,261

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

London

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

The University is engaging Disguise to supply Disguise hardware and software and the Production Team to be used at the CoSTAR National Lab.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Please see Annex D / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Please see Annex D / Weighting: 100

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

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

Explanation:

The contract with Disguise Technologies Limited for the provision of Disguise Hardware & Software to the CoSTAR National Lab and 3 x Network Labs is part of the CoSTAR Network's ability to perform collaborative R&D, connecting CoSTAR network sites in Pinewood Studios, Abertay University, Ulster University and University of York.

The Disguise hardware and software provision is one of the core deliverables for the first 12 months of AHRC/UKRI funding. Without the ability to supply the Disguise hardware and software within scope, the funding of the CoSTAR National Lab could have been affected. The CoSTAR National Lab competition required bidders to provide commercial partners who would co-invest in the development of the lab, with a specific requirement to provide hardware and software as part of the competition. During an open call available to all universities and commercial creative industries, the University negotiated partnership with Disguise Technologies Limited as part of the bid. It is our view that if the University had not followed this approach the CoSTAR grant would have delayed, and deliverables put at risk. This partnership will allow CoSTAR R&D programme to collaborate and share data.

The Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication has been utilised for the above reasons.

#### 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**

29 July 2024

### **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**

Disguise Technologies Limited

88-89 Blackfriars Road

London

SE1 8HA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

Companies House

09908649

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: £1,769,261

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,769,261

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

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London

WC2 2LL

Country

United Kingdom