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Contract

Award of contract for spatial sequencing platform - University of Aberdeen

University of Aberdeen

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Aberdeen

University Office, King's College

Aberdeen

AB24 3FX

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/procurement>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00102

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

Award of contract for spatial sequencing platform - University of Aberdeen

Reference number

AU23/28

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Award of contract for Spatial Sequencing Platform without prior call for competition.

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: £610,839

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Award of contract for spatial sequencing equipment without seeking offers through a formal procurement procedure as competition is absent for technical reasons. Under clause 33 (1)(b)(ii) of the legislation, a contracting authority may award a contract without competition (only where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists, and the absence of competition is not the result of artificial narrowing down of parameters of the procurement). In this case, the grounds for not exposing to competition are as follows:

The equipment provided by the supplier is the only one which can meet the research requirements and is the only instrument on the market capable of:

Spatially resolving both protein and RNA targets, in FFPE and Fresh Frozen tissues, and using the same chemistry and workflow (in-situ, oligo-barcodes which are photocleaved from the target transcript).

Capacity to perform the above in a manner non-destructive to the tissue, enabling the use of precious samples for follow-on experiments.

Capacity work with Tissue Microarray (TMA) Format which is required for a pilot study to spatially profile distinct tissue regions (GFAP, NeuN, Iba1) from 96 patient brain tissues on just one slide.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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:

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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

AU23/28

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 September 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

NanoString Technologies

11th Floor Whitefriars, Lewins Mead

Bristol

BS1 2NT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £610,839

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:745022)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aberdeen Sheriff Court

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom