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Contract

UKRI-3089 LISA Optical Bench Baseplates

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034a95

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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

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-3089 LISA Optical Bench Baseplates

Reference number

UKRI-3089

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38600000 - Optical instruments

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The optical bench is a critical part of the LISA mission. It will host the optical components that enable the LISA interferometers to function. Components will be mounted on both sides using a silicate bonding process proven on the LISA Pathfinder experiment. To ensure stability the Optical Bench Baseplate will be manufactured from Zerodur, acid etched to maximise strength and polished to allow the mounting process and to enable tight alignment tolerances to be met.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38630000 - Astronomical and optical instruments

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Quality / Weighting: 70%

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will have extension options of up to 3 further months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Procurement Contract Transparency Data: Redacted contract documents will be made available within the next 30 days on the UKRI website at: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/procurement-contract-transparency-data/>

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-017392](#)

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

25 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Thales Seso SAS

530 Rue Frederic Joliot

Aix-en-Provence

FR13593

Country

France

NUTS code

- FR - France

National registration number

N/A

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

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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