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Supply of Vacuum Gauges and Control unit for Diamond-II

Diamond Light Source Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Scientific Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Vacuum Gauges and Control unit for Diamond-II

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38423100 - Pressure gauges

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Located on the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus in Oxfordshire, Diamond Light Source (DLS) is a leading-edge facility for science, engineering and innovation. Diamond allows researchers from academia and industry to investigate the structure and behaviour of the world around us at the atomic and molecular level.

To continue delivering the world-changing science that Diamond enables, the facility is being upgraded to Diamond-II, a co-ordinated programme of development that combines a major

machine upgrade with new instruments and complementary improvements to optics, detectors, sample environment and delivery capabilities, and computing, as well as integrated and correlative methods. This will be transformative in speed and spatial resolution and will offer users streamlined access to enhanced instruments for life and physical sciences.

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1. The MKS gauge controllers which are currently integrated in the racks and control systems for Diamond are planned to be used again on Diamond II accelerators.
2. The MKS gauge controllers are not compatible with any other makers gauges in the market.

3. There are no gauge controllers in the market which are compatible with the MKS gauges.

4. It is not currently possible to buy gauges and controllers from an alternative supplier to fit with what we already have

There are no gauge controllers in the market that have a fast response trigger that can be used without fast valve controller system

The requirement is for equipment that is compatible with the existing installation:

- Pirani gauges
- Inverted Magnetron vacuum gauges
- Vacuum gauge control units

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: £767,195

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or 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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

MKS Instruments UK Limited

Crewe

CW1 6AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

Companies House

06391618

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £767,195

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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