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(VEAT NOTICE) - OPM-Optimised Bespoke Magnetically Shielded Room

Aston University

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-033313

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041765

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Aston University

Aston Triangle

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Companies House

RC000904

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

(VEAT NOTICE) - OPM-Optimised Bespoke Magnetically Shielded Room

Reference number

889

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Aston University is putting out this notice as a VEAT (Voluntary Ex ante Transparency Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award to Cerca Magnetics Limited for the Supply, installation, service and maintenance of an OPM-Optimised Bespoke Magnetically Shielded Room (MuRoom).

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: £797,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Aston University intends to award the contract without a call for competition in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ((32.2(b) ii. The contract duration is expected to be June 2024 to May 2029.

Aston University requires a magnetically-shielded environment to support the use of OPM-magnetoencephalography. Cerca Magnetics Ltd offer a unique patented shielded room system which incorporates built-in degaussing to remove residual magnetisation and reduce the static magnetic field; and electromagnetic coils which allow high fidelity control of residual fields and their variation over space inside the MSR. This level of static/residual field control is required for the scientific work with OPM-MEG that Aston University intends to conduct within the shielded room.

The University will not enter the proposed contract before 22 November 2023.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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: No

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

10 November 2023

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

Cerca Magnetics Limited

Staplehurst

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ4 - Kent

Companies House

12766132

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £797,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Aston University

Birmingham

Country

United Kingdom