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Contract

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR)

University of Ulster

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKN - Northern Ireland

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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

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR)

Reference number

project_27057

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR).

Currently the Northern Ireland Functional Brain Mapping (NIFBM) facility located at the Intelligent Systems Research Centre (ISRC) in MS building of Magee campus, has the Neuromag Triux MEG system, which is a CE-certified proprietary medical device of MEGIN OY (formerly Elekta OY). MEGIN is the sole supplier of component parts and can alone undertake planned preventative maintenance in addition to ad hoc breakdown maintenance.

In order to be able to continue with clinical works, the upgraded MEG system with Helium in close-cycle, must also be medical grade. The MEGIN's Internal Helium Recycler (IHR) upgrade is the only Helium recycler technology capable of offering zero-loss Helium recycling and integrate fully with the medical grade Triux MEG system.

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: 541,500 EUR

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR)

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In order to be able to continue with clinical works, the upgraded MEG system with Helium in close-cycle, must also be medical grade. The MEGIN's Internal Helium Recycler (IHR) upgrade is the only Helium recycler technology

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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The University of Ulster awarded this procurement, upgrading Magnetoencephalography (MEG) System with Internal Helium Recycler (IHR) to Megin Oy, 100% funding from the UK Medical Research Council in November 2022 was approved. The conditions on this funding award stipulates that the award funding must be spent by 31st March 2023. As this spend is above threshold and is to be awarded via a direct award the University has issued a VEAT Notice to the marketplace in August 2022 to ensure transparency on this expenditure. If the University waited until November timeframe to do the VEAT notice they could not place the Order for this equipment until the standstill period associated with the VEAT regulations had expired. This delay would cause issues as this would conflict with the lead time required by the manufacturer for placement of Purchase Order and delivery of equipment by the deadline of 31st March 2023.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

project_27057

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 November 2022

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: 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

Megin Oy

Keilasatama 5

Finland

Country

Finland

NUTS code

- FI - Finland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 541,500 EUR

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point information on award of the contract was communicated. The standstill period provided time to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).