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Contract

UKRI-3370 NQCC Strontium Wavelength Measurement System

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03fd02

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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-3370 NQCC Strontium Wavelength Measurement System

Reference number

UKRI-3370

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 14772000 - Strontium

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The National Quantum Computing Centre seeks to enhance the UK's global leadership in quantum computing, to help translate UK research strengths into innovation, and enable the creation of the first generation of quantum computers, helping to build a resilient future economy.

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: £183,740

II.2) Description

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

The NQCC's initial focus has been on two platforms of quantum computing, one based on superconductors and one based on trapped ions. This were chosen based on technological maturity and UK strength. The NQCC continues to investigate other potential hardware modalities in detail. The centre will be headquartered in a purpose-built facility at the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)'s Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Campus in Oxfordshire. The centre is due for completion in 2023. Ahead of the completion of the centre, a temporary lab facilities in existing STFC building have been used to fast track development. The required wavelength measurement systems will be used in both these temporary laboratories and in the NQCC lab spaces. This procurement is for two wavelength measurement systems to be delivered to the NQCC. Each system must be capable of measuring the frequency of up to 8 lasers with an absolute uncertainty below 20MHz , further detailed requirements are listed within the Specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The term and conditions relating to this purchase are provided in the Contract, which matches the Contract number cited in the narrative to this Purchase Order and are specific to this Contract. Where the Contract number is not so cited, then our standard terms and conditions will apply which are available at :-

<https://www.ukpbs.co.uk/services/procure/Documents/UKRIPOTCs.pdf>

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: [2023/S 000-027326](#)

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

21 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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- DE - Germany

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: £225,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £183,740

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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