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Contract

LUV01122 The supply, installation, commissioning, training and maintenance of a high-plex combined automated tissue section staining and imaging system with associated analysis software.

University of Leicester

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037338

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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

LUV01122 The supply, installation, commissioning, training and maintenance of a high-plex combined automated tissue section staining and imaging system with associated analysis software.

Reference number

LUV01122

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Leicester wishes to procure a combined automated tissue staining and imaging platform (High-plex tissue imaging platform – HPTIP), with an associated analysis software package for the rapid, non-destructive high-plex staining, imaging and analysis of research samples including human and mouse formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue sections. The system MUST be supplied as a single package (and single invoice) containing the instrument/hardware, software, installation, commissioning and training. Award of contract is subject to: 1) Provision of grant funding to the University via the MRC medium equipment award 2022 (a decision on which is not expected before the end of October 2022); and 2) Agreement by the successful supplier that the contract will be concluded and paid for by 31st of March 2022 (after which the grant expires)

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: £405,802

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF21 - Leicester

Main site or place of performance

Leicester

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Leicester Cancer Research Centre (LCRC) and the University of Leicester Advanced Imaging Facility (AIF) wishes to procure a combined automated tissue staining and imaging platform (High-plex tissue imaging platform – HPTIP) with associated analysis software package for the rapid, non-destructive high-plex staining, imaging and analysis of research samples including human and mouse formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue

sections and cryo sections. The AIF presently houses a low-plex whole slide scanning system to image whole stained tissue sections capable of analysing up to 8 biomarkers on a single section. Procurement of the new system is intended to both increase capacity of this system by providing a new imaging platform and to improve capability by allowing the simultaneous detection of significantly more markers on a single slide than our capabilities currently allow. This will be a multi-user piece of equipment which will be used by multiple groups across the College of Life Sciences. The system MUST be supplied as a single package (and single invoice) containing the instrument/hardware, software, installation, commissioning, training and maintenance. The University proposes awarding (subject to successful grant funding via the MRC medium equipment award 2022) a contract for a suitable device by carrying out an open tender exercise under the Public Contract Regulations.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Compliance with specification (combined slide stainer and imaging platform) / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Compliance with Service/Warranty requirements / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Added value / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Fully inclusive fixed cost / Weighting: 35

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

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 000-027998](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Automated tissue section staining and imaging system with associated analysis software

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 December 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Akoya Biosciences, Inc

100 Campus Drive

Marlborough

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

N/A

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £405,802

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

University of Leicester

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

See VI..4.3 below

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