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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

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-036117

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037338

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKF21 - Leicester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://universityofleicester.delta-esourcing.com/>

Buyer's address

<https://universityofleicester.delta-esourcing.com/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**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

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## **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](#)

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## **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

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## **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

University Road

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LE17RH

Country

United Kingdom

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

See VI..4.3 below

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