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# Supply, Delivery and Installation of Automated Dissolution System for CMAC

University of Strathclyde

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

## I.1) Name and addresses

University of Strathclyde

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Glasgow

**G1 1QE** 

#### **Email**

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## **Country**

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.strath.ac.uk/

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0011

# 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

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Automated Dissolution System for CMAC

Reference number

UOS-27636-2023

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 48921000 - Automation system

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

This Voluntary Ex- Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice relates to the contract for the supply, delivery and installation of an automated dissolution system for the Continuous Manufacturing and Advanced Crystallisation (CMAC) Hub.

The contract duration is 54 months, inclusive of an anticipated 4-6 months lead time, 12 months warranty and 3 year servicing provision.

#### 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: £303,154.18

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

Continuous Manufacturing and Advanced Crystallisation (CMAC).

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract shall be entered into with Sotax Ltd. It is a contract for supply of a fully automated system to support Continuous Manufacturing and Advanced Crystallisation (CMAC) Hub extensive research programme and partnerships with industrial pharmaceutical partners, as an internationally leading research centre.

The contract is subject to commence on 22nd December (subject to final agreement).

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to request additional deliveries by the Successful Tenderer, either intended as partial replacement of supplies or installations or as extensions of existing supplies and installations.

The Contracting Authority may at it's sole discretion exercise this option.

#### 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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

 The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development

#### Explanation:

The University, on behalf of the Continuous Manufacturing and Advanced Crystallisation hub, are seeking a contract with Sotax Ltd to provide a fully automated dissolution system. The dissolution system will be used by CMAC solely for research purposes and will not be used to establish commercial viability or recover research and development costs.

Sotax offer a dissolution system that can perform multiple 100% unattended dissolution runs including media preparation, vacuum de-gassing, gravimetric vessel filling, multiple sample additions, sampling (resident probe and auto-lift), in vessel temperature monitoring, filtration, fast media change in line with USP requirements whilst running a test and self-cleaning. The system also makes it possible to obtain results in real-time with integrated spectroscopy (e.g UV-VIS) and collect samples offline for different analutical techniques such as HPLC.

This allows CMAC, as an internationally leading research centre, to add to its dissolution testing capability with the addition of a fully automated system. Dissolution is a key part of CMAC's overall analytical capability, supporting CMAC's extensive research programme and partnerships with Tier 1 (industrial pharmaceutical) partners.

As a result of the aforementioned provisions, the University shall award the contract for Supply, Delivery and Installation of Automated Dissolution System to Sotax Ltd and this notice of the University's intention to do so.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

# Section V. Award of contract/concession

#### **Contract No**

UOS-27636-2023

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 December 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

Sotax Ltd.

Rutherford House, Tomlinson Business Park

Foston

**DE65 5BU** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

NUTS code

• UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

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: £303,154.18

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

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## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

**Glasgow Sheriff Court** 

Glasgow

Country

**United Kingdom**