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Contract

Supply, Delivery, Installation & Commissioning of a Wafer Thinning Turnkey ITT

University of Strathclyde

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-048485

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0518c2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM82 - Glasgow City

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00113

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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply, Delivery, Installation & Commissioning of a Wafer Thinning Turnkey ITT

Reference number

UOS-35651-2025

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31712330 - Semiconductors

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Strathclyde has a requirement for a semiconductor wafer thinning capability suitable to receive wafers of various sizes and materials and grind, stress relieve and clean them before onward processing in a power semiconductor packaging line.

The line will allow research to be performed on a variety of materials and processes involved in the manufacture of semiconductor products. This is in support of a publicly funded project that will see the creation of an advanced, scaleup packaging facility for power electronics within the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS). The overall scale up manufacturing facility is to be housed at an NMIS site, this sub-section of the facility will be housed in an ISO-7 (class 10,000) clean room environment. The equipment within the facility will comprise the latest technology in their respective fields. It will be utilized in a range of projects within the Power Electronics industry and will be made available to both academic and industrial partners across the whole of the United Kingdom, including other catapult centres. As part of this project, NMIS has a requirement to procure a turnkey capability in wafer thinning, polishing, cleaning - which includes water management ancillary systems.

High-efficiency grinder/polisher for wafers

A Deionised Water Recycling Unit

Automatic Cleaning System for wafers

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: £1,005,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31710000 - Electronic equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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 its 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

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: [2025/S 000-023248](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

UOS-35651-2025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 July 2025

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: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

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

Disco Hi-Tech UK Ltd

Unit 34, Basepoint Business Centre

Crawley

RH117XX

Telephone

+44 1293817730

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,005,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 29279. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Please see Procurement documents for full details

(SC Ref:799129)

(SC Ref:807247)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations

2015(SS12015/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.