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Award

Smart Agricultural Research Centre Development

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The design, supply, installation, and commissioning of a state-of-the-art modular vertical farming system. This infrastructure will support a wide range of academic and commercial research projects in controlled environment agriculture (CEA), with a strong emphasis on flexibility, modularity, and precision control.

Contract 1. 2923 Smart Agricultural Research Centre Development

Supplier

- Light Science Technologies Holdings Ltd.

Contract value

- £456,771 excluding VAT
- £548,126 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

17 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 3 November 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

4 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 November 2025 to 2 April 2028
- 2 years, 4 months, 29 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

Contract locations

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Light Science Technologies Holdings Ltd.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYZ-7478-VGDG

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Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. 2923 Smart Agricultural Research Centre Development

Contracting authority

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government