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Contract

Laboratory Gases and Associated Equipment & Services

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Laboratory Gases and Associated Equipment & Services

Reference number

LAB4060 SU

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24100000 - Gases

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC) is seeking to establish framework agreements for the purchase of a wide range of laboratory and workshop gases (including refrigerants) and associated equipment and services.

This requirement automatically covers the members of the following higher education regional

purchasing consortia; Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC), North East

Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC), North West Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC), London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC), Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW), Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC), Crescent Purchasing Consortia (CPC), Marine Scotland, TUCO Purchasing Ltd and constituent bodies within UK Research and Innovation (UKRI <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/>) participate as Full Members of LUPC via UK SBS.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £120,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compressed Industrial Gases

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111600 - Hydrogen
- 24111700 - Nitrogen
- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen
- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112000 - Inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112200 - Nitrogen oxides
- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds

- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 42131170 - Gas-cylinder outlet valves
- 44612100 - Gas cylinders
- 44612200 - Gas tanks
- 50514100 - Repair and maintenance services of tanks
- 50531200 - Gas appliance maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A range of Compressed Industrial Gases to be supplied, in rented cylinders of various sizes and bar pressures covering the range 'small cylinders', 'standard cylinders' and manifold cylinder packs.

- i. Industrial Oxygen (?99.5%)
- ii. Air
- iii. Argon (?99.998%)
- iv. Carbon Dioxide (?99.8%)
- v. Nitrogen (Oxygen Free) (?99.998%)
- vi. Hydrogen (High Purity) (?99.995%)
- vii. Acetylene (Dissolved) (?98.5%)
- viii. Propane

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) funding (ERDF/ESF) and

potentially other research bodies.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compressed Medical Gases

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas

- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111600 - Hydrogen
- 24111700 - Nitrogen
- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen
- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112000 - Inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112200 - Nitrogen oxides
- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 44612100 - Gas cylinders
- 44612200 - Gas tanks

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A range of Compressed Medical Gases and gas mixtures, to be supplied in rented cylinders of various sizes to those Participating Institutions that are permitted to use medical gases.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality -Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compressed Research/Special Gases and Gas Mixtures

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111600 - Hydrogen
- 24111700 - Nitrogen
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- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112000 - Inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112200 - Nitrogen oxides
- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 50531200 - Gas appliance maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A range of Compressed Research/Special Gases and Gas Mixtures (that are not already covered

under Lots 1 and 2), to be supplied in rented cylinders of various sizes.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The agreement is initially for a period of 36 months with a further 12 month option available

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Solid Carbon Dioxide (CO₂, 'Dry Ice')

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112000 - Inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113200 - Compressed air

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Solid Carbon Dioxide to be supplied in the forms of pellets. A very small quantity in other solid

forms including blocks may also be ordered through the agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality -Social Value / Weighting: 4

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Liquid Helium

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen
- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112000 - Inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112200 - Nitrogen oxides
- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Liquid Helium to be supplied in both rented cryogenic pressure vessels and in Participating

Institutions' own cryogenic pressure vessels of various sizes.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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Identification of the project

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potentially other research bodies.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Liquid Nitrogen and other Cryo Liquids in Small vessels

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas

- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111600 - Hydrogen
- 24111700 - Nitrogen
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- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112000 - Inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112200 - Nitrogen oxides
- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 42130000 - Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances
- 42131140 - Pressure-reducing, control, check or safety valves
- 42131170 - Gas-cylinder outlet valves
- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items
- 44163160 - Distribution pipes and accessories
- 44610000 - Tanks, reservoirs, containers and pressure vessels
- 44611000 - Tanks
- 44611400 - Storage tanks

- 44612100 - Gas cylinders
- 44612200 - Gas tanks
- 50514100 - Repair and maintenance services of tanks
- 50531200 - Gas appliance maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Liquid Nitrogen and to a much lesser extent, liquid Argon, Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide is supplied

in both rented cryogenic pressure vessels and in Participating Institution's own cryogenic pressure

vessels of various sizes

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Liquid Nitrogen in Bulk

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111600 - Hydrogen
- 24111700 - Nitrogen
- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

- 24111900 - Oxygen
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- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
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- 24112300 - Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds
- 24113000 - Liquid and compressed air
- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 42130000 - Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances
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- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items
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- 44610000 - Tanks, reservoirs, containers and pressure vessels
- 44611000 - Tanks
- 44611400 - Storage tanks
- 44612100 - Gas cylinders
- 44612200 - Gas tanks
- 50514100 - Repair and maintenance services of tanks

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Liquid Nitrogen to be supplied with a transfer pressure of 1 Bar to specific Participating Institutions

in both owned and rented bulk vessels of various sizes

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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Identification of the project

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potentially other research bodies.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Gas Regulators and Handling Equipment

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
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- 24111300 - Helium
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- 50531200 - Gas appliance maintenance services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80550000 - Safety training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A range of equipment for use with gas cylinders, cryogenic pressure vessels etc., to handle and

monitor gases (including the service, repair and calibration of these items of equipment where

appropriate). Prices are also requested for the inspection and certification of Gas

Handling

Equipment and for Service, Repair and Calibration services for Gas Handling Equipment.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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Identification of the project

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Assorted Fixtures and Fittings including Inspection and Maintenance

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
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- 80531200 - Technical training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A range of assorted fixtures and fittings for use with gas cylinders, cryogenic pressure vessels

etc., to handle and distribute gases (including inspection and maintenance where appropriate).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Dispensing Gases and Associated Systems

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon

- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111400 - Neon
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To supply a range of bar dispensing gas including but not limited to high purity, food grade

Nitrogen, Carbon Dioxide and various mixtures thereof. Gas storage and blending systems may

be required by Participating Institutions and shall be quoted for on request.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Gas Safety Training Courses

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09122100 - Propane gas
- 09122200 - Butane gas
- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
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- 80550000 - Safety training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide a range of Safety Training Courses or Workshops, which cover issues around the safe

storage, handling and usage of Gases

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Tanks – including annual servicing maintenance (Liquid Nitrogen, Oxygen, Argon)

Lot No

12

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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- 24113100 - Liquid air
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 42130000 - Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances
- 42131140 - Pressure-reducing, control, check or safety valves
- 42131170 - Gas-cylinder outlet valves

- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items
- 44163160 - Distribution pipes and accessories
- 44610000 - Tanks, reservoirs, containers and pressure vessels
- 44611000 - Tanks
- 44611400 - Storage tanks
- 44612100 - Gas cylinders
- 44612200 - Gas tanks
- 50514100 - Repair and maintenance services of tanks
- 50531200 - Gas appliance maintenance services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide a range of tanks which hold Liquid Nitrogen, Oxygen or Argon, sizes if which vary from

25L to 500L.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Service Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Account Management / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Quality criterion - Name: Quality - Social Value / Weighting: 4

Price - Weighting: 40

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: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) funding (ERDF/ESF) and

potentially other research bodies.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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 000-006846](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Compressed Industrial Gases

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Ltd

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

Johnsons Bridge Road

West Bromwich

B71 1DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £16,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Compressed Medical Gases

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Ltd

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Compressed Research/Special Gases and Gas Mixtures

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Ltd

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £24,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Solid Carbon Dioxide (CO₂, 'Dry Ice')

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £11,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

5

Title

Liquid Helium

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

Johnsons Bridge Road

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

6

Title

Liquid Nitrogen and other Cryo Liquids in Small vessels

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £32,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

7

Title

Liquid Nitrogen in Bulk

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £22,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

8

Title

Gas Regulators and Handling Equipment

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Buse Gases Ltd

Johnsons Bridge Road

West Bromwich

B71 1DG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07704088

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Medical and Industrial Gas Services Ltd

Enterprise House, 97 Alderley Road

Wilmslow

SK9 1PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08178419

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

9

Title

Assorted Fixtures and Fittings including Inspection and Maintenance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Medical and Industrial Gas Services Ltd

Enterprise House, 97 Alderley Road

Wilmslow

SK9 1PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08178419

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

10

Title

Dispensing Gases and Associated Systems

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

Forge, 43 Church Street West

Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

11

Title

Gas Safety Training Courses

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOC Limited

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Woking

GU21 6HT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

337663

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Medical and Industrial Gas Services Ltd

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Wilmslow

SK9 1PT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08178419

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

12

Title

Tanks – including annual servicing maintenance (Liquid Nitrogen, Oxygen, Argon)

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Southern Universities Procurement Consortium

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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