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Award

BOND RX VEAT Notice

University Of Edinburgh

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05eefe

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00107

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

BOND RX VEAT Notice

Reference number

NCA21373

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Edinburgh is seeking to award a contract for the purchase of a BOND RX without a tender process due to the belief that there is only one supplier who can meet our requirements. Please see below for further details.

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: £190,387.82

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

University of Edinburgh

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

We intend to award a contract to Leica for the purchase of the BOND RX based on the following:

1.Comprehensive Testing Capabilities: The BOND RX offers the extensive range of testing methods required, including IHC, IF, TSA, FISH, ISH, TUNEL, miRNA, bDNA, and multiplexing. No other known stainer currently provides all of these methods in a single instrument. This range of methods is critical to meet the diverse needs of our ongoing and future research.

2.Continuity of Research: We currently use the Leica BOND III, on which multiple users have developed specific protocols. In order to maintain continuity and avoid disruption to ongoing research, we require that these existing protocols be transitioned seamlessly to the new equipment. The BOND RX is compatible with this requirement, while stainers from other suppliers do not offer the same protocol compatibility.

3.Ready to Use Antibodies: Leica offers a range of "Ready to Use" antibodies, all pre-tested for use with their BOND stainers. This eliminates the need for titration when using new antibodies, streamlining the process and ensuring consistency across experiments. While the BOND RX is compatible with antibodies from other suppliers, Leica's solution provides additional efficiency and reliability.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

After comprehensive market engagement competition is absent for technical reasons. No reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

This notice is the final piece of due diligence prior to the award of the contract. Should a supplier detail their ability to meet the requirements, then the award will be halted.

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

NCA21373

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 December 2025

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

Leica Microsystems (UK) Ltd

Larch House, Woodlands Business Park, Breckland, Linford Wood West

Milton Keynes

MK14 6FG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £190,387.82

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:817666)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

