

**United Kingdom-Swindon: Fluorescent microscopes**  
**OJ S 40/2018 27/02/2018**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Medical Research Council

Town: Swindon

NUTS code: UKK14 Swindon

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [andrew.fernandez@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:andrew.fernandez@uksbs.co.uk)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [www.uksbs.co.uk](http://www.uksbs.co.uk)

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Other activity: Research

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

UKSBS RFP PR17177 Award Notice

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

38515200 Fluorescent microscopes

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

This is the Award notice for:

The TIRF microscope system covered by this requirement is intended to provide the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge with an instrument able to quantitatively image single molecules at high speed in multiple channels simultaneously. The intended applications include in vitro reconstitution of molecular assemblies such as:

a) motor protein tracking assays; and

b) the self-assembly and dynamics of bacterial cytoskeletal proteins. Additional applications include live cell TIRF/HILO imaging and PALM/STORM imaging. We are looking for a "latest generation" instrument that offers improvements in imaging performance over our existing TIRF microscope.

**II.1.6.**

## **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Lowest offer: 171 000,00 GBP / Highest offer: 256 000,00 GBP taken into consideration

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

38510000 Microscopes

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKH12 Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance: MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology.

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

This is the Award notice for:

As a minimum, the required specification is as follows:

- the proposed TIRF system shall be capable of flexible multichannel imaging. This shall facilitate either simultaneous 2 channel imaging or sequential four channel imaging or three channel imaging using a combination of the 2 modes. The emphasis shall be on achieving rapid switching between channels,
- the proposed TIRF system shall provide improved TIRF illumination. This shall be by providing a larger (or equal) TIRF image area with improved uniformity of TIRF illumination across that area. As compared to our existing system, specifically no smaller than 60 microns by 60 microns in object space at 100X magnification or 100 microns by 100 microns at 60X,
- the proposed TIRF system must provide a faster (or equal) image frame rate (at the full field of view of the camera(s)) in comparison to the existing system. Specifically at least 30 frames per second,
- the proposed system must also be capable of incorporating a device for photobleaching or photoactivating a user specified ROI at any location, in any shape and dimension within the image field without impairment of the functionality described in this section,
- the proposed TIRF system shall be a flexible platform to which additional hardware may be added as judged by the ability of such hardware to be integrated into the overall control software and the diversity of capabilities added. Such additions shall not be at the expense of redundancy or replacement of equipment supplied in the proposal.

### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

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:  
no

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Description**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

#### **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.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

#### **IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

### **Section V: Award of contract**

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A contract/lot is awarded: yes

#### **V.2. Award of contract**

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

19/02/2018

##### **V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

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

##### **V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Nikon UK Limited

Town: Kingston upon Thames

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

##### **V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Lowest offer: 171 000,00 GBP / Highest offer: 256 000,00 GBP taken into consideration

##### **V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.3. Additional information**

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by any Supplier. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of Bidders. All submissions will be assessed in

accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for procurement values that exceed Regulation 5 (Threshold amounts). The sourcing documents can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in I.3.

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Limited  
Postal address: Polaris House  
Town: Swindon  
Postal code: SN2 1ET  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [policy@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:policy@uksbs.co.uk)

**VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Limited  
Postal address: Polaris House  
Town: Swindon  
Postal code: SN2 1FF  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [policy@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:policy@uksbs.co.uk)

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

26/02/2018