

UK-London: gases
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Contract notice
Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: London Universities Purchasing Consortium (a company limited by guarantee reg. no. 04784719)

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Country: United Kingdom

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General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.lupc.ac.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://lupc.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Electronic access to information: <https://lupc.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <https://lupc.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: the abovementioned address

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Other: Public Sector Purchasing Consortium

I.3. Main activity

Education

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Official name: LUPC

Postal address: Malet Street

Town: London

Postal code: WC1E 7HY

Country: United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

IUPC Laboratory gases and associated equipment framework agreement.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Supplies

A combination of these

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 6

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT: 40 000 000 GBP

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC) is undertaking this recurrent tendering process on behalf of the Inter University Purchasing Committee - Gases (IUPC Gases), which is a working group that oversees the procurement of laboratory gases and associated equipment for the Higher Education sector and associated public sector bodies throughout the UK. LUPC is seeking to establish framework agreements for the Participating Institutions with one or three or more suppliers for the purchase of a wide range of laboratory and workshop gases (including refrigerants) and associated equipment. It is envisaged that these arrangements will commence on 1.3.2013 and will continue for a period of three years with the facility to extend for a further one year subject to agreement between the parties. This requirement automatically covers Full or Associate Members within the higher education regional purchasing consortia as follows: LUPC (<http://www.lupc.ac.uk/about/members-list.aspx>), SUPC (<http://supc.procureweb.ac.uk/aboutsupc/supc-members>), APUC (<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/members.htm>), HEPCW (<http://hepcw.procureweb.ac.uk/1019>), NEUPC (<http://neupc.procureweb.ac.uk/members.php>) and NWUPC (<http://www.nwupc.ac.uk/members/index.php>) including all future Members. Members of the consortia either already are or may be drawn from the Higher Education sector, Further Education sector, the Research Council and other Public and Third Sector bodies principally but not exclusively from the education, arts, sciences and cultural sectors.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

24100000 Gases, 24110000 Industrial gases, 24111000 Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen, 24112000 Inorganic oxygen compounds, 24111100 Argon, 24111200 Rare gases, 24111300 Helium, 24111400 Neon, 24111500 Medical gases, 24111600 Hydrogen, 24111700 Nitrogen, 24111800 Liquid nitrogen, 24111900 Oxygen, 24112100 Carbon dioxide, 24112200 Nitrogen oxides, 24112300 Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds, 24113000 Liquid and compressed air, 38000000 Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses), 44163160 Distribution pipes and accessories, 42131140 Pressure-reducing, control, check or safety valves, 42131170 Gas-cylinder outlet valves, 80500000 Training services, 09122100 Propane gas

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

It is intended to award a framework agreement divided into twelve distinct Lots covering the following category areas:

Lot 1 Compressed Industrial Gases (supplied in rented cylinders of various sizes).

Lot 2 Compressed Medical Gases (supplied in rented cylinders of various sizes).

Lot 3 Compressed Research /Special Gases and gas mixtures (supplied in rented cylinders of various sizes).

Lot 4 Solid Carbon Dioxide (Dry Ice).

Lot 5 Liquid Helium.

Lot 6 Liquid Nitrogen in Small Vessels.

Lot 7 Liquid Nitrogen in Bulk.

Lot 8 Gas Regulators and Handling Equipment.

Lot 9 Assorted Fixtures and Fittings including Inspection and Maintenance.

Lot 10 Dispensing Gases and Systems.

Lot 11 Small and Portable cylinders and bottles.

Lot 12 Gas Safety Training Courses.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 40 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: The agreement is initially for a period of 36 months with one further 12 month option available.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:
in months: 36 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Industrial gases

1) Short description

Compressed industrial gases supplied in cylinders.

2) CPV code(s)

24110000 Industrial gases, 24111000 Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen,
09122100 Propane gas

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 8 000 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Medical gases

1) Short description

Compressed medical gases supplied in rented cylinders.

2) CPV code(s)

24111500 Medical gases

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Research and Special Gases

1) Short description

Compressed research / special gases and gas mixtures supplied in rented cylinders.

2) CPV code(s)

24111000 Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen, 24111500 Medical gases, 24111200 Rare gases, 24112000 Inorganic oxygen compounds, 24112300 Gaseous inorganic oxygen compounds

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Solid Carbon Dioxide (Dry Ice)

1) Short description

Solid carbon dioxide / dry ice to be supplied in a range of different forms.

2) CPV code(s)

24112100 Carbon dioxide

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 800 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Liquid Helium

1) Short description

Liquid helium to be supplied in both rented and customer owned dewars.

2) CPV code(s)

24111300 Helium

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 5 600 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Liquid Nitrogen in Small Vessels

1) Short description

Liquid nitrogen in small vessels.

2) CPV code(s)

24111800 Liquid nitrogen

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 12 000 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Liquid Nitrogen in Bulk

1) Short description

Liquid nitrogen in bulk to be supplied in both rented and customer owned bulk vessels of various sizes.

2) CPV code(s)

24111800 Liquid nitrogen

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 600 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Gas Regulators and Handling Equipment

1) Short description

Gas regulators and equipment to handle gases.

2) CPV code(s)

42131170 Gas-cylinder outlet valves, 42131140 Pressure-reducing, control, check or safety valves

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 60 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 9

Lot title: Assorted Fixtures and Fittings including Inspection and Maintenance

1) Short description

A range of assorted fixtures and fittings as detailed in the Pricing Schedule, for use with gas cylinders, cryogenic pressure vessels etc., to handle and distribute gases including inspection and maintenance where appropriate.

2) CPV code(s)

44160000 Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 200 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 10

Lot title: Dispensing Gases and Associated Systems

1) Short description

To supply a range of bar dispensing gas as detailed in the Pricing Schedule including but not limited to high purity, food grade Nitrogen, Carbon Dioxide and various mixtures thereof. Although not requested in the pricing sheets, gas storage and blending systems may be required by Participating Institutions and shall be quoted for on request.

2) CPV code(s)

24112100 Carbon dioxide, 24111700 Nitrogen

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 200 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 11

Lot title: Small and Portable Cylinders and Bottles

1) Short description

To supply a range of portable, non-refillable cylinders as detailed in the Pricing Schedule including but not limited to high purity gases, calibration gases and various mixtures thereof in cylinders or bottles no greater than 112L content. All cylinders and bottles must be correctly labelled or designated affixed in a permanent manner to help prevent disposal issues at the end of life. Many of these are typically referred to in the market as Lecture bottles.

2) CPV code(s)

24100000 Gases

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 80 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 12

Lot title: Gas Safety Training Courses

1) Short description

A range of safety training courses to be delivered to customers premises which cover issues around the storage, handling and usage of gases.

2) CPV code(s)

80550000 Safety training services

3) Quantity or scope

Estimated value excluding VAT: 40 000 GBP

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Joint and several liability.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: A Bidder Questionnaire setting out the requirements is available by application from the contact details given in the stated Buyer profile.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: A Bidder Questionnaire setting out the requirements is available by application from the contact details given in the stated Buyer profile.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

A Bidder Questionnaire setting out the requirements is available by application from the contact details given in the stated Buyer profile.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Criteria below

1. Pricing. Weighting 45

2. Main Response to Tender including Account Management and Price Review Criteria. Weighting 35

3. Delivery Coverage and Price Stability. Weighting 5

4. Response to Issued Terms and Conditions. Weighting 5

5. Response to Service Level Template. Weighting 5

6. Environmental Considerations. Weighting 5

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: Electronic auctions are permitted as a method to conduct mini-competitions amongst the suppliers on the framework at the absolute discretion of the institutions covered in Section II 1.5. One will not be undertaken as part of the letting of the original framework.

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

LN/001-2012

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2012/S 012-018938](#) of 19.1.2012

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 20.12.2012 - 13:59

Payable documents: yes

Price: 120,00 GBP

Terms and method of payment: If the company is applying for three lots or more, a non-refundable Cheque, Postal Order or Money Order for 120 GBP made payable to London Universities Purchasing Consortium submitted separately to the following address within 7 working days from the end of the tender close date on December 20th 2012. FAO LUPC Accounts, LUPC, Mezzanine 2, University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY.

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

20.12.2012 - 14:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

until: 1.6.2013

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 20.12.2012 - 14:01

Place:

<https://lupc.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Authorised officers of the organisation.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 48.

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

19.11.2012