

United Kingdom-Swindon: Fluorescent microscopes

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Contract notice

Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

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.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>
Additional information can be obtained from another address:
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Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: Research

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

UKSBS RFP PR17177 TIRF Microscope System

Reference number: PR17177

II.1.2. Main CPV code

38515200 Fluorescent microscopes

II.1.3. Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4. Short description

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.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 170 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

As a minimum, the required specification is as follows:

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The proposed TIRF system shall be capable of flexible multichannel imaging. This shall facilitate either simultaneous two channel imaging or sequential 4 channel imaging or 3 channel imaging using a combination of the two modes. The emphasis shall be on achieving rapid switching between channels.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 170 000,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 19/01/2018 Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 19/01/2018 Local time: 14:00

Place:

Electronically.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Ltd

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

15/12/2017