

**Norway-Kristiansand: Servers**  
**OJ S 235/2022 06/12/2022**  
**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: Universitetet i Agder  
National registration number: 970 546 200  
Postal address: Postboks 422  
Town: Kristiansand  
NUTS code: NO092 Agder  
Postal code: 4604  
Country: Norway  
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Main address: <http://www.uia.no>

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

National or federal agency/office

**I.5. Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

DGX H100 hardware  
Reference number: 22/0054

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

48820000 Servers

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence research (CAIR) is a new top priority area for the University of Agder. CAIR is working with applied and basic research in artificial intelligence. CAIR is working to create brand new algorithm types with a universal application. This includes variations of deep neural networks that require a lot of GPU power. We are working with specific artificial intelligence algorithms connected to health, energy, security, accounting

and training. The AI research at the University of Agder is not only basic research but must also result in practical solutions for practical problems. The size of the problems that can be solved and the quality of thereof is directly connected to the capacity of the hardware used. The University of Agder currently uses eight NVIDIA DGX-2s. We need however, to increase the capacity of our installed hardware. We therefore intend to increase the hardware with 2 NVIDIA DGX H100s, where also a full A1 software stack and support are included in the delivery.

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 6 500 000,00 NOK

### **II.2. Description**

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

48700000 Software package utilities, 48800000 Information systems and servers

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

NUTS code: NO092 Agder

Main site or place of performance: Grimstad

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

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

Price

#### **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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

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

Explanation:

The University of Agder considers the Public Procurement Regulations' §13-4, letter c, applies to this contract. The reasons are as follows:

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#### **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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**Contract No:** 22/0054

**Title:**

DGX H100 hardware

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

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

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

25/11/2022

##### **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: 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**

Official name: Nextron AS

National registration number: 982 168 635

Town: Oslo

NUTS code: NO081 Oslo

Country: Norway

The contractor is an SME: yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 6 500 000,00 NOK

Total value of the contract/lot: 6 500 000,00 NOK

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.3. Additional information**

Mercell notice: <https://opic.com/id/afcetdanty>.

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Agder Tingrett

Town: 4661 Kristiansand

Country: Norway

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

01/12/2022