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5 July 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00291

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 14 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for the following tender:

- *Notice Identifier: BIP597884672*
- *Awarded by: UK Research & Innovation - Medical Research Council*
- *Tender Title: Cryo Transfer Tomography Holder*

Please could you kindly provide me with the information for this tender:

1. *What are the full names of all those that tendered?*
2. *What is the full name of the organisation, which won the tender?*
3. *I would like a full copy of the tender document from the winner?*
4. *I would like the reasons for selecting this winning tender, compared to other applicants?*

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold some of the information relevant to your request. Please see the information below and attached.

1. *What are the full names of all those that tendered?*

This procurement was single source (one supplier).

Therefore, this procurement was not tendered. It was processed via Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 15 regulation 32, which is a negotiated procedure used to award to a single supplier where it is believed that the supplier is uniquely placed to provide the goods or services required.

This purchase is part of a Wellcome Trust grant called 'Electrifying science project' and is a collaboration between various research establishments and industry partners to develop a more affordable 100 KeV Cryo Electron Microscope system. Part of the remit of the project was to test all the commercially available cryoholders for this platform.

The item in question is a unique custom item specifically for the 100 KeV CryoEM100 project. It is the first of its kind to be produced anywhere in the world, which resulted in the decision for a Single Sourcing Action (SSA) to be used in its purchase.

2. *What is the full name of the organisation, which won the tender?*

Under Section 21, information already reasonably accessible, of the FOIA this information is already available in the public domain:

- The results of this procurement can be found on the governments [Contracts Finder](#)¹ website
- The supplier for this contract can be found on the contract summary for the [Cryo Transfer Tomography Holder](#)²

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

3. *I would like a full copy of the tender document from the winner?*

Due to this purchase being an SSA, a tender document was not submitted, therefore this information is not held.

4. *I would like the reasons for selecting this winning tender, compared to other applicants?*

As explained in our response to Q1, this item was purchased from a single supplier as it had been on loan from the owner and heavily modified, making it a unique custom item for the project.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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¹ <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search>

² <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/f5ea0ecd-63fc-4dd5-b7d6-01de320c0875>