

1. Buyer

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Official name: [Universiteit Leiden] ---

2. Procedure

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Title: Cryo Transmission Electron Microscope

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Internal identifier: 30899

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1 Purpose

Nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 38511200 Transmission electron microscope

Additional classification (cpv): 38511000 Electron microscopes

2.1.2 Place of performance

Country subentity: Agglomeratie Leiden en Bollenstreek (NL337)

Country: Netherlands

Additional information: See documentation

2.1.4 General information

Additional information: This publication is to indicate our intention to award the contract. If no representations are received within 20 days after this publication, the contract can be awarded.

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

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Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

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5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: [Rechtbank Den Haag] ---

Organisation whose budget is used to pay for the contract: [Universiteit Leiden] ---

Organisation executing the payment: [Universiteit Leiden] ---

Organisation signing the contract: [Universiteit Leiden] ---

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this procedure: 2 206 000 EUR

Direct award:

Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification:

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The Glacios 2 will be integrated as local Leiden University cryo-EM infrastructure within the onsite national NeCEN facility (Netherlands Centre for Electron Nanoscopy) and therefore it is of utmost importance that the instrument integrates seamlessly into the workflows of NeCEN to ensure maximum productivity and minimize instrument downtimes. NeCEN owns two ThermoFisher Titan Krios 300kV cryo-TEM microscopes. Several aspects of this instrument are unique and essential for the success of the specific experiments: Sample preservation The efficient screening of samples, prior to high-resolution data collection at the 300keV TITAN Krios, will be essential for the Oncode Accelerator project, that predominantly aims to investigate challenging small molecule samples. This process involves two essential aspects: 1) High-Throughput capacity: The Glacios 2 system significantly enhances our screening efficiency. It can simultaneously load 12 samples (grids), which is three times more than alternative vendor instruments. This capability is vital for achieving the desired throughput. 2) Direct transfer to TITAN instruments at NeCEN: More importantly, the Glacios microscope allows us to directly transfer suitable samples, screened at the Glacios, in the same loading cassette and NanoCap to the TITAN systems at NeCEN. This feature is crucial because it eliminates the need for additional sample handling and ensures that the sample quality is optimally preserved. This would clearly not be the case with an instrument of any other vendor: in that case, sample contamination during the required sample transfer from one loading system to the other would be unavoidable and would compromise the integrity of precious samples. Furthermore, the compatibility of the instruments in our local environment extends beyond the transfer between the Glacios and the TITAN: it also includes the seamless sample transfer from the ThermoFisher Aquilos to the Glacios microscope. The Aquilos is a dual-beam instrument that is needed to prepare so called 'lamellae' of thicker samples such as cells for high-resolution cryo-electron tomography experiments. This is required to make these samples amenable for data collection on the Glacios. These lamellae are extremely delicate and any excess sample handling (such as the need to transfer between different loading cassettes) would be extremely deleterious to the success rate of the experimental workflow. High throughput data collection SPA The Oncode Accelerator project requires a high level of automation to guarantee efficient throughput for SPA data collection. The Glacios will be purchased with the state-of-the-art direct electron detector Falcon 4i from Thermo Fisher which is capable of acquiring 400 images per hour. This allows a seamless workflow with automated overnight data collection of several samples. While the instruments from different vendors can also be equipped with such high-end detectors, it would not be possible from a single vendor. Only Thermo Fischer produces an integrated system- enabling smoother service and maintenance for all components from one service team. In addition, the MultiGrid EPU software uniquely enables users to set up data collection on all 12 samples in the cassette and run this experiment without the need for human intervention. The ability to load 12 samples simultaneously, together with the MultiGrid EPU software from Thermo Fisher is the only system that will deliver the required throughput. In addition, many users from the Oncode Accelerator project will be non-expert in cryoEM data collection. Therefore, we require easy to use software to collect SPA, electron diffraction and cryo-ET data, which is provided by Thermo Fisher. Additionally, the camera integrated into the Glacios system (the Falcon 4i) is fully embedded into the software, ensuring ease of operation. Cryo-ET workflows In addition to the already mentioned advantages of the identical autoloader systems provided by the Thermo Fisher instruments ensure the minimization of contamination of the delicate samples, the seamless use of identical software from one vendor is another essential factor. More specifically, the MAPS software that is already in use on our Aquilos system, will ensure the easy and accurate target site identification on the same sample. This is an essential requirement for the success of these challenging workflows. The Glacios has a wide polepiece gap of 11 mm that allows to tilt +/- 70 degrees. This allows for optimal tomography data collection with a minimized missing wedge artifact, which increases the data quality. See for entire justification link to tender website of the university.

6.1 Result Lot Identifier: LOT-0000

6.1.2 Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: [FEI Europe BV] ---

Tenderer:

Tender identifier: QUO-178319-K1M1 R0

Identifier of lot or group of lots LOT-0000

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Value of the result: 2 206 000 EUR

Subcontracting no

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Subcontracting value is known 0

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Subcontracting percentage is known: 0

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: QUO-178319-K1M1 R0

Title: [Glacios™ 2] ---

Date on which the winner was chosen: 2023-11-30+01:00

Organisation signing the contract: [Universiteit Leiden] ---

8. Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: Universiteit Leiden

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Buyer profile: <https://s2c.mercell.com/buyer/19549>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation signing the contract

Organisation whose budget is used to pay for the contract

Organisation executing the payment

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: Rechtbank Den Haag

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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

8.1 ORG-0003

Official name: FEI Europe BV

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Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0000

11. Notice information

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