1. Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name:	Universiteit Utrecht
Legal type of the buyer:	Body governed by public law
Activity of the contracting authority:	Education

2. Procedure

2.1 Procedure

Title:	Delivery, installation, and maintenance of a Charge Detection Mass Spectrometer for research for Biomolecular Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics at the Utrecht University.
Description:	Utrecht University's Faculty of Science wants to buy a charge detection mass spectrometer. 1
Procedure identifier:	d70f9304-c398-43af-8481-eb322d3cbbf2
Internal identifier:	26/3010
Type of procedure:	Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract :	Supplies
Main classification (cpv):	38433100 Mass spectrometer

2.1.2 Place of performance

Country:	Netherlands

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information:	Utrecht

2.1.4 General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0000

Title:	Delivery, installation, and maintenance of a Charge Detection Mass Spectrometer for research for Biomolecular Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics at the Utrecht University.
Description:	Utrecht University's Faculty of Science wants to buy a charge detection mass spectrometer. 1
Internal identifier:	1

5.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract :	Supplies
Main classification (cpv):	38433100 Mass spectrometer

5.1.2 Place of performance

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Country:	Netherlands

Anywhere in the given country

Additional information:	Utrecht

5.1.3 Estimated duration

Duration:	36 Month

5.1.6 General information

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

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

5.1.7 Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement:	No strategic procurement

5.1.10 Award criteria

Criterion:

Type:	Price
Name:	Prijs
Description:	Prijs
Category of award threshold criterion:	Weight (points, exact)
Award criterion number:	1

5.1.15 Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation:	Universiteit Utrecht - Rechtbank Midden Nederland (locatie Utrecht)
Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure:	Universiteit Utrecht
Organisation providing more information	Universiteit Utrecht

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on the review procedures:	
Organisation signing the contract:	Universiteit Utrecht

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice:	1 Euro
Direct award:	
Justification for direct award:	Service contract awarded on the basis of an exclusive right
Other justification:	This notice is a "Voluntary ex ante transparency notice". The contract can be awarded to Waters Chromatography through a negotiated procedure without prior publication because there is no competition for technical reasons (Article 2.32, paragraph 1, subparagraph b, point 2, Aw 2012) and there is no reasonable alternative or substitute and the lack of competition is not the result of an artificial restriction of the terms of the tender (Article 2.32, paragraph 3, Aw 2012). Motivation The Charge Detection Mass Spectrometer from Waters Chromatography has a combination of necessary features for our research that makes this system unique. These features are: • Charge Precision: The system simultaneously determines the mass-to-charge ratio and charge of individual ions, with charge precision of 1 e RMSD or better at a trapping time of 0.1 seconds. This improves confidence in single-particle mass assignment and the separation of heterogeneous particle populations. • m/z Range: The instrument provides an upper mass-to-charge measurement range of at least m/z 200,000. This range supports measurement of high-mass, highly charged particles, even to about 150 MDa, encountered in gene-therapy vectors and other large biomolecular assemblies. • Ion Source: The instrument includes an enclosed nanoESI source with integrated aerosol capture and filtered extraction for native analysis of large biomolecular complexes. This supports containment and handling of aerosolized biological samples during native-MS and CDMS operation. • Ion Transmission: The system analyses large biomolecules without requiring specialty gases such as xenon or SF_6. This avoids dependence on specialist gas supply and associated laboratory operating complexity. • Dynamic Range: The system demonstrates a linear dynamic range of at least 3 orders of magnitude, so that in mixtures also minor components can be detected and quantified. • Mass Range: The system enables mass determination over a broad range from 0.05 to greater than 150 MDa, so that ADV virus particles and bacteriophages can be mass analyzed. • Sensitivity for AAV Detection: For AAV samples at 1×10^{10} VP/mL, the system detects at least 500 ions per spectral feature corresponding to individual capsid forms within 20 minutes. • Charge Resolution: The system resolves individual elementary charges at a trapping time of 2 seconds or less. This complements the 0.1-second charge-precision requirement and allows for rapid unequivocal charge measurement. • Data Acquisition: The software displays mass, m/z and charge spectra and two-dimensional heatmaps in real time without a separate post-processing step. This significantly reduces analysis times and increases confidence in results, through immediate review of data quality, instrument performance and sample populations during acquisition. There is no reasonable alternative or substitute, that offer this combination of characteristics. Due to warranty (loss of warranty if other engineers perform maintenance), the availability of manufacturer-specific spare parts, and liability, Waters Chromatology is also the only party capable of performing the maintenance. If you have any questions or objections regarding this notice, please contact Geurt Visser at g.visser@uu.nl to obtain further clarification or to give us the opportunity to assess any objections you may have. If, despite our explanation/ response to your questions or objections, you cannot agree with this intention, you can initiate summary proceedings with the Midden-Nederland District Court in Utrecht. You must do so within 20 calendar days of publication of this notice. This 20-day period is an expiry term. After this term has expired, your right to challenge this intention will lapse.

6.1 Result lot Identifier: LOT-0000

6.1.2 Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Waters Chromatography B.V.

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Tender:	
Tender identifier:	1
Identifier of lot or group of lots:	LOT-0000
Value of the tender:	1 Euro
The tender was ranked:	no
Subcontracting :	No
Contract information:	
Identifier of the contract:	CON-0001
Title:	P1 Delivery, installation, and maintenance of a Charge Detection Mass Spectrometer for research for Biomolecular Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics at the Utrecht University.
Date on which the winner was chosen:	02/11/2026
Organisation signing the contract:	Universiteit Utrecht

8. Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name:	Universiteit Utrecht
Registration number:	271574282
Postal address :	Heidelberglaan 8
Town:	Utrecht
Postcode:	3584 CS
Country subdivision (NUTS):	Utrecht (NL350)
Country:	Netherlands
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Telephone:	+31 63879650
Internet address:	http://www.uu.nl
Other contact points:	
Official name:	Rechtbank Midden Nederland (locatie Utrecht)
Postal address :	Vrouwe Justitiaplein 1
Town:	Utrecht
Postcode:	3511 EX
Country subdivision (NUTS):	Utrecht (NL350)

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Country:	Netherlands
Contact point:	Afdeling Civiel recht
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Telephone:	+31 883620000
Internet address:	http://www.rechtspraak.nl

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing additional information about the procurement procedure

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

Organisation signing the contract

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name:	Waters Chromatography B.V.
Size of the economic operator:	Large
Registration number:	20073836
Postal address :	Emmerblok 26
Town:	Oud Gastel
Postcode:	4751XE
Country subdivision (NUTS):	West-Noord-Brabant (NL411)
Country:	Netherlands
Internet address:	http://www.waters.com

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots:	LOT-0000

Notice information

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