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AFBI - SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND SERVICING OF AUTOMATED HEAD-CHAMBER SYSTEMS (AHCS)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

AFBI - SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND SERVICING OF AUTOMATED HEAD-CHAMBER SYSTEMS (AHCS)

Reference number

ID5065982

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Livestock Production Sciences (LPS) Branch at Hillsborough of the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) requires two (2) Automated Head-Chamber Systems (AHCS), one (1) for cattle and one (1) for sheep, for the quantification of methane, hydrogen and CO2 emissions and oxygen consumption on a daily basis (litter/day). AFBI requires the supply, delivery, and commissioning of the equipment. Warranty, servicing and reactive repair details are necessary requirements. On-site training in the operation of the supplied system is also required.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus

- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 90

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,900,000

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

Duration in months

12

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: Yes

Description of options

The total maximum contract period is for up to 7 years. The initial contract term is for 12mths and covers the warranty period of the initial 2 AHCS units purchased and contains options to extend for 4 further periods of 12 months each to cover the servicing and maintenance package. In the event that further AHCS units are purchased within the first 24 month period, further optional extension periods to cover the servicing and maintenance will apply as per the Specification.

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

Please note – In reference to the estimated total contract value of £1.9M as per Section II.1.5 and II.2.6 the Initial contract value is approx £240k for the 2 AHCS Units purchased including all optional extension periods. There maybe the potential for further purchases of AHCS units from the successful Contractor in the coming 24 months as follows:.. . . • Tranche one of up to the maximum value of £1.2M is subject to a funding Bid. If the Bid is successful, AFBI is required to place an order by 31st March 2024 (delivery can be throughout 2024, up to 31st March 2025). • Tranche two of up to a maximum value of £482k is also subject to a Capital funding bid to AFBI's sponsoring Department, DAERA, under the Green Growth programme. Further detail is provided in the Specification.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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 February 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 19 May 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 February 2024

Local time

3:30pm

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 successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification in line with the contract management procedures. Contractors not delivering on contract Requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Any challenges are dealt with by the High Court Commercial Division to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulation

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of.. contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision