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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**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

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

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## **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.

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## **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

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## **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

UK

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