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## **Supply of Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS) to OPSS**

Department for Business and Trade

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Business and Trade

Old Admiralty Building, Admiralty Place London, SW1A 2DY, United Kingdom

London

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#### **Email**

[corporateservices@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:corporateservices@businessandtrade.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-and-trade>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://uktrade.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://uktrade.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS) to OPSS

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38433100 - Mass spectrometer

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

1. You are invited to tender for Project\_4622 Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (LM-MS). The requirement is to procure a Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometer instrument for the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) via a single supplier. In order to fully assess chemical regulatory requirements and emerging chemical risks, it is essential to introduce a new liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometer instrument (LC-MS/MS).

2. The requirement and subsequent contract shall be for a period of five (5) years with no option to extend the contract. The maximum value for the contract is £365,000.00 excluding VAT. For the purposes of Public Contract Regulation 2015 thresholds, this contract is £438,000.00 inclusive of VAT.

3. This Procurement is being carried out in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 under the Open Procedure.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £365,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

84 Stanton Avenue, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 0JZ

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Chemical analysis is an important area for OPSS product testing. To fully assess chemical regulatory requirements and emerging chemical risks, it is essential to introduce a new liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometer instrument (LC-MS/MS). The LC-MS/MS will form part of the current integrated suite of in-house technologies which comprises of HPLC, FTIR/Raman, XRF, UV-Vis spectrophotometer, and GC-MS/MS.

LC-MS/MS is an analytical technique widely applied to identify and quantify chemical components in mixtures. There are many individual analytes and chemical groups that may be subject of future OPSS research and case studies e.g. nitrosamines, alkylphenols, azo and disperse dyes, bisphenols, benzophenones, chlorinated phenols, phthalates, perfluorinated compounds, and chemical flame retardants.

OPSS product remit and analyte selection may change and/or expand so it is important we provide a future-proof solution. Suppliers should ensure that proposed LC-MS/MS systems are appropriate for a broad spectrum of product safety applications, ideally offering wide flexibility on analyte selection and future modification where needed. It is also important to note that this operational requirement includes the determination of trace-level chemicals as we expect to both screen and target product impurities which may pose a risk to human health.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £365,000

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

Start date

26 March 2025

End date

26 March 2030

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: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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**Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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

21 February 2025

Local time

1:00pm

#### **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**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

21 February 2025

Local time

1:00pm

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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.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Business and Trade

London

Country

United Kingdom