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## **053-0122OET Voluntary/Automatic Dairy Milking System**

AGRI-EPI CENTRE LIMITED

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

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

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#### **Contact**

Procurement Department

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://agri-epicentre.com/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://ne1procurementservices.com/content/live\\_tenders.php](https://ne1procurementservices.com/content/live_tenders.php)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[https://ne1procurementservices.com/content/live\\_tenders.php](https://ne1procurementservices.com/content/live_tenders.php)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

R&D Agriculture and related sectors

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

053-0122OET Voluntary/Automatic Dairy Milking System

Reference number

053-0121OET

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

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

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

Supplies

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

The awarded supplier will provide a voluntary / automatic milking system (VMS/AMS) for a newly established herd of ~180 cows.

The installation would be in a pre-existing AMS shed of novel design, but there would be some scope for adjustments to the shed to accommodate a new design of system. A key component of the system is precision grazing cows so the shed design must reflect this and include automated sorting gates. A building map is included in this tender but more detailed building drawings can be supplied if required.

The number of VMS/AMS units to be provided can be specified by the provider as long as they fit within the system and optimise the numbers of cows that can be kept in the herd. The units provided must be the most up to date models from the company and provide the optimum system for both commercial and research work.

Please also refer to Appendix A for any additional guidance re layout etc to assist in bid response.

The units provided must include herd management software and allow access for data collection for research purposes. Integration of novel sensor technologies is a core component of the work conducted at the SWDDC and data access and a collaborative approach is essential for this research and the suppliers policy on this must be addressed in the tender.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

Shepton Mallet BA4 6SS

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

Agri-EPI Centre (AEC) is seeking bids from qualified and experienced suppliers who can provide voluntary/automatic milking system to operate at Agri-EPI's South West Dairy Development Centre (SWDDC) which is located at Shepton Mallet BA4 6SS.

The principal purpose of the SWDDC is to enable research and demonstration of novel ideas, techniques and environmental issues within dairy farming that will encourage innovation in UK dairy production.

#### Summary of Requirements

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All and any data generated by the system will be the exclusive ownership of AEC and as such no permission, rights, licences or otherwise are implied or conferred to the supplier to retain and utilise such data in any way without the express permission in writing of AEC.

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

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

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional extensions of a further 3 x 12 months possible at the discretion of the Authority.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

**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

25 February 2022

Local time

12:00pm

**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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

25 February 2022

Local time

1:00pm

## **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**

Milestone payments/pre delivery payments will not be accepted as standard and such requests must be made within the tender response document, and such approval and execution of such payment requests is entirely at the discretion of the Authority.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom