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## **Liquid Handling Workstation**

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-002609

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039b68

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

**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://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

**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**

Liquid Handling Workstation

Reference number

CASE/582939

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

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

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

Supplies

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

SASA requires a liquid handing workstation to process the large numbers of samples associated with PCN testing in Scotland.

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

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products
- 16000000 - Agricultural machinery
- 16600000 - Specialist agricultural or forestry machinery

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Potato cyst nematode (PCN) is the name given to two species of nematode (*Globodera pallida* and *Globodera rostochiensis*) which are serious pests of potato crops world-wide. They feed on the roots of the plant and can cause significant loss of yield, including crop failure. The cysts can survive in the soil for many years (over 25 years under favourable conditions), multiplying rapidly when a new crop of host plants is planted.

PCN have been subject to controls under European legislation since 1969. A revised EU PCN control Directive, came into force on July 1, 2010 and was implemented in Scotland by the Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010. Under the directive seed can only be planted on land certified free from PCN. SASA carries out statutory testing of soil samples for the presence of PCN in Scotland. Currently SASA processes around 18,000 samples over a 9 month period every year since 2010. To facilitate this much of the work is automated and a key component of this is a liquid handling workstation which is used to both aid extraction of DNA from soil samples and set up the PCR (polymerase chain reaction) used to detect the nematodes. The use of the workstation ensures the robustness and reproducibility of the test and ensures the high throughput of samples required to meet the deadlines for reporting. It also enables saving on staff costs as a single person can process up to 500 samples per day.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Duration in months

3

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**

List and brief description of selection criteria

The bidder confirms they already have or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Professional Risk Indemnity: in the sum of not less than Two Million Pounds (2,000,000 GBP)

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability: in the sum of not less than Five Million Pounds (5,000,000 GBP)

Public Liability: in the sum of not less than Five Million Pounds (5,000,000 GBP)

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

For public supply and public service contracts only, please provide relevant examples of supplies and/or services carried out during the last three years as specified in the Contract Notice:

(Examples from both public and/or private sector customers and clients may be provided):

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services/supplies as described in part II.2.4 of the Find a Tender Service Contract Notice or the relevant section of the Site Notice.

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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

27 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

27 February 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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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 invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 48171.  
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom