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Contract

Provision of Pulmonary Function Testing

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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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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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Pulmonary Function Testing

Reference number

702376450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121232 - Pulmonary specialists services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In order to maintain the maximum number of Operationally effective Military divers , the Authority is required to provide Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT). This test, when required, is used to inform decision-making regarding fitness to undertake diving training and maintaining / returning Military divers to full diving fitness.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £485,375

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An outline of the standard testing for divers includes, as a minimum but not limited to, the following:

- a. Medical history questionnaire;
- b. Targeted physical examination where applicable;
- c. Flow volume loop;
- d. Plethysmography
- e. Gas transfer;
- f. Exercise spirometry;
- g. 2 agonist reversibility.

The current Association of Respiratory Technicians and Physiologists (ARTP) standards for the testing should be used wherever possible. For aspects of testing not covered by the ARTP standards, current best practice should be followed.

An outline of the standard measurements include as a minimum, but not limited to:

- a. Dynamic lung volume measurement to include: Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second (FEV1), Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) and FEV1/FVC ratio) IAW ARTP standards and using a spirometer that complies with ATS/ERS 2005, has both volume/time and flow/volume curves and a large enough printout to assess the quality of the blow.
- b. Dynamic lung volumes using body plethysmography (constant volume box) producing Flow Volume Loop (FVL). This should include subdivisions of the expiratory curve from the FVL, both numerically and with a visual trace. The inspiratory portion of the FVL should also be measured. Other measurements to include FVC, FEV1, Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) and Forced Expiratory Flow (FEF) (25% 50% 75% and 25-75%) IAW ARTP standards.
- c. Diffusing Capacity of the Lungs for Carbon Monoxide (DLCO) IAW ARTP standards.
- d. Static lung volumes using body plethysmography including: Total Lung Capacity (TLC), Residual Volume (RV), Functional Residual Capacity (FRC), Vital Capacity (VC). Additionally, a comparison of TLC by plethysmography with the accessible volume from a Gas Transfer (GT) manoeuvre to give an indication of any sequestered intra-thoracic gas not in rapid communication with the exterior through the bronchial tree.

e. FEV1 and PEFr both immediately, and after a period of 10 minutes, following 8 minutes exercise on a static bicycle (maximal effort) breathing dry diving gas.

f. Spirometry post 5 milligram nebulised salbutamol (FEV1 and PEF Rate).

It is anticipated there shall be up to 77 PFT tests per annum to be undertaken within 6 weeks of referral.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority reserves the right to extend the framework agreement for a period of up to 24 months after the initial 5 year Contract period.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

702376450

Title

Provision of Pulmonary Function Testing

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Southampton

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £485,375

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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