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Award

UKRI-5559 Maintenance contract for BIGFOOT 7 cell sorter

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-5559

Description

The Medical Research Council (MRC) have appointed a supplier to provide a fully comprehensive maintenance contract for a period of 4 years for a BIGFOOT 7 cell sorter including parts, labour and 3 business day on-site response for faults.

Contract 1. UKRI-5559 Maintenance contract for BIGFOOT 7 cell sorter

Supplier

- Life Technologies Ltd

Contract value

- £201,200 excluding VAT
- £241,440 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 March 2026 to 10 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

Contract locations

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

As the manufacturer of the BIGFOOT 7 cell sorter Life Technologies Ltd are the only supplier able to provide the required OEM parts and software support for this system. No other parts are compatible with this equipment.

Supplier

Life Technologies Ltd

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government