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Contract

DoJ - FSNI - Provision of a Continuous Probability Software System for the Interpretation and Statistical Analysis of Forensic DNA Profiles

DoJ Forensic Science Northern Ireland

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DoJ Forensic Science Northern Ireland

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

DoJ - FSNI - Provision of a Continuous Probability Software System for the Interpretation and Statistical Analysis of Forensic DNA Profiles

Reference number

ID 4110597

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The DNA unit within FSNi manages the throughput of all evidential samples taken from persons arrested by the police in connection with recordable offences, samples recovered from crime scenes and samples recovered from exhibits. FSNi wishes to appoint a Contractor for the Provision, Installation, Maintenance and Support of a Fully Continuous Probability Software System for the interpretation and statistical analysis of forensic DNA profiles. The services required include the provisioning and licensing for a fully continuous probability software COTS (Commercial off the Shelf) package, on-site installation (if required), training, maintenance and support. The key objectives and outcomes to be achieved are: • A system that generates a likelihood ratio by considering observations under two propositions; and • While considering biological parameters such as peak height ratios, mixture ratios and stutter percentages.

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: £739,688

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48460000 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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under two propositions; and • While considering biological parameters such as peak height ratios, mixture ratios and stutter percentages.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Proposed Implementation Plan / Weighting: 24

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Key Personnel Experience in the Development and Validation of Continuous Probability Software / Weighting: 24

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Ongoing Support, Maintenance and Continued Development / Weighting: 16.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Value Methodology / Weighting: 10.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Total Contract Cost / Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are 2 options to extend for up to 5 years each each.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The Contractor must comply with the specification in full.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Contract - ID 4110597 DoJ FSNI - Provision of a Continuous Probability Software System for the Interpretation and Statistical Analysis of Forensic DNA Profiles

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 February 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: 0

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

Information withheld for Security Reasons.

Withheld

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £739,688

Total value of the contract/lot: £739,688

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

As above

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.