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Contract

DOJ FSNI - Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of a Dual Headspace GC/FID Instrument for the Analysis of Ethanol in Body Fluids

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

c/o CPD Supplies and Services Division, 303 Airport Road West

BELFAST

BT3 9ED

Email

justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/forensic-science/forensic-science-northern-ireland>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

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 - Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of a Dual Headspace GC/FID Instrument for the Analysis of Ethanol in Body Fluids

Reference number

ID 3612546

II.1.2) Main CPV code

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

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a contract for the supply and delivery, installation and maintenance of of a Dual Headspace GC/FID instrument for the analysis of ethanol in body fluids for both routine casework and method

development/instrument validation work. FSNI's primary purpose is the provision of effective scientific advice to support the delivery of justice. FSNI's Analytical Services Team (AST) provides analysis of body fluids from both the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the State Pathologists Department for the presence of ethanol. FSNI currently uses one Dual Headspace GC/FID instrument for the workflows described above and are wishing to replace their existing capacity through the procurement of this instrument.

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: £300,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0F - Mid and East Antrim

Main site or place of performance

FSNI, 151 Belfast Road, Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, BT38 8PL

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC01 System Performance / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: AC02 System Delivery and Installation / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: AC03 Reactive Repair Strategy / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: SV1 Calibration performance / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: SV2 Quantitative accuracy / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: SV3 Quantitative precision / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: SV4 Software versatility / data processing / report generation / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: SV5 Analyse quantitation confidence / Weighting: 7

Cost criterion - Name: AC04 Pricing Schedule A – Supply, Delivery and Installation / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: AC05 Pricing Schedule B – Maintenance / Weighting: 5

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial period of 2 years, with 2 options to extend, for:- i 8 years ii 5 years

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.1.8) 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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-022685](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 February 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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: 3

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

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that information relating to contractors engaged by the Northern Ireland Department of Justice, and associated bodies, is not published in any publicly accessible forum or publication. This is to protect such contractors, whose security and safety could be threatened by dissident terrorist organisations still active in Northern Ireland if their details became known. This is consistent with Regulation 50(6)(a).. . The estimated contract value is a broad estimate only and includes additional quantum for unforeseen demand and to future proof for additional potential. There is no guarantee of any level of business under this contract. The estimate is not deemed to be a condition of contract nor a guarantee of minimum demand or uptake. No compensation will be payable to a contractor should the actual demand be less than that stated.. . The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per specification and regularly monitored (see Procurement Guidance Note 1/12 Contract Management: <https://www.financeni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dfp/PGN-01012-Contract-Management-Principles-Procedures-25-Sept-2017.PDF>). Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction and Procurement Delivery for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance and this contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of up to 3 years from the date of issue of the notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

See VI.4.3 / Review procedure

See VI.4.3 / Review procedure

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.