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Contract

Supply and Installation of a bespoke Twin suit rigid Isolator

MOD

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

Supply and Installation of a bespoke Twin suit rigid Isolator

Reference number

1000156259

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38970000 - Research, testing and scientific technical simulator

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply and installation of a bespoke Twin Suit Rigid Isolator

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: £156,960

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - SOUTH WEST (ENGLAND)

Main site or place of performance

SOUTH WEST (ENGLAND)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

supply and Installation of a bespoke Twin suit rigid Isolator.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Due to the nature of our work we require very high specification, with quality build and reliability required of our isolators; historically Howorth have a very good record of building reliable bespoke rigid half suit isolators and have been quick to respond and remediate any faults. These qualities give us confidence and resilience to work safely with ACDP level 3 and 4 pathogens. We already have 21 rigid isolators in high containment plus isolators in other laboratories at Dstl Porton. We have recalibration and maintenance contracts for all of these isolators and class 3 cabinets with Howorth whom we have confidence to maintain to our exact high safety standards. Howorth provide safe systems and controls etc. mimicking previous/ existing systems which helps with staff familiarity and ensures compatibility plus reduces the likelihood of errors in a high hazard environment when the same persons can be using multiple isolators. We have a HAZOP study (safety assessment completed on isolators designed and supplied by Howorth). With the points raised we do not feel it appropriate or beneficial to compete the requirement, note previous competitions have shown Howorth to have all the required capabilities and desired qualities.

Howorth have a proven record in designing isolators for DSTL for high hazard environments and have the necessary knowledge to design, build, validate and maintain. Howorth service and revalidate under contract for all isolators in high containment . Using another supplier would cause major economic and technical inconvenience to the Ministry of Defence.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DSTLX-1000154784

Title

supply and Installation of a bespoke Twin suit rigid Isolator

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 August 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 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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- UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

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07085326

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £156,960

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Authority reserves the right to amend any condition related to security of information to reflect any changes in national law or government policy. If any contract documents are accompanied by instructions on safeguarding classified information (e.g. a Security Aspects Letter), the Authority reserves the right to amend the terms of these instructions to reflect any changes in national law or government policy, whether in respect of the applicable protective marking scheme, specific protective markings given, the aspects to which any protective marking applies, or otherwise. The link below to the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) website provides information on the Government Security Classification.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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