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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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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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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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

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