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**504902**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0321ae

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## **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Ministry of Defence

SALISBURY

#### **Email**

[nrogers@dstl.gov.uk](mailto:nrogers@dstl.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKK - South West (England)

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.dstl.com](http://www.dstl.com)

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Defence

## **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

DSTL

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

504902

#### **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**

504902

#### **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: £504,902

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 51430000 - Installation services of laboratory equipment

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Procurement, Delivery and Installation of LC QTOF

### **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**

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Defence Science & Technology Laboratory (DSTL) intends to place a four month contract with Agilent Technologies LDA UK Ltd for the supply, delivery and set up of Benchtop Liquid Chromatography instrument with single quadruple combined with a Time of Flight

mass spectrometer detector (LC-QTOF).

In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons.

The analytical Chemical and Biological Analysis and Attribution Capability (CBAAC). CBAAC is a pan-HMG sovereign capability delivered through DSTL. The capability utilises complex analytical techniques to identify and attribute chemical and biological agents, materials and weapons samples (collectively, Chemical, Biological Warfare agents), originating from within the UK and abroad, in support of HMG interests. In the event of requiring operational sample analysis, the Organisation of the Prohibition of Chemical Warfare (OPCW) would require rapid Analysis and Attribution, United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) methodology and processes, the laboratory standard, would be required for the analysis, quality control, review and issue of data. The LC-QTOF Instrument is required for UKAS accredited procedures that operate to the ISO17025 standard. The provision of the equipment from this particular vendor is required for scientific continuity purposes. To acquire a similar platform technology from a different vendor would make it impossible to compare back to previous legacy data sets which is often required as part of the quality system - demonstrating the robustness of technique – and is essential in order to maintain UKAS accreditation.

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

14 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Agilent Technologies LDA UK Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

National registration number

08815891

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £504,902

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

DSTL

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