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Award

Provision of Mosquito HV & Dragonfly Liquid handlers

Public Health England

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02a2f9

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Mosquito HV & Dragonfly Liquid handlers

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Public Health England (PHE) is planning to award a contract for the urgent provision of Mosquito HV and Dragonfly Discovery Liquid handling devices from SPT Labtech Ltd (UK). This is part of a critical project to rapidly expand the SARS-CoV-2 sequencing capacity in seven PHE laboratories between April and September 2021.

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: £840,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

Various sites in the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

PHE will be sourcing mosquito HV and dragonfly discovery liquid handling devices and associated pipette tips from SPT Labtech Ltd. PHE understands that this is the only system in the market that is capable of meeting PHE's specific requirements of:

Provision of pipette tip supply for 6 months

SPT manufacture tips for the mosquito HV and dragonfly discovery liquid handling devices at their UK based office.

As such, and unlike many other liquid handling systems, SPT have so far never experienced any shortages of tip stock or delays on supply of their tips to customers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

And there is strong assurance of Spare manufacturing capacity also available for SPT tips.

Prevention of cross contamination

As cross-contamination protection, the pipetting action, splash guard and single-use disposable positive displacement pipettes ameliorate the possibility as far as is possible and to date nearly 200,000 COVID genomes have been sequenced at the Sanger using the instruments.

Sample handling

High speed sample stamping to/from both 96-well and 384-well plates in under 5 minutes.

With a handling range of 700nl to 5ul between both 96-well and 384-well plates for a range of fluid viscosities.

A minimum of 5 deck positions for 96/384 well plate handling.

Reagent dispensing

High speed dispensing of reagents into complete 96-well and 384-well plates in under 5 minutes.

Volume handling range 2 to 45ul into both 96-well and 384-well plates for a range of fluid viscosities.

These are liquid handling requirements for the urgent expansion of high throughput SARS-CoV-2 sequencing capacity on a variety of sequencing platforms within a short timeframe.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please contact mercy.mashem@phe.gov.uk for any enquiries or questions by 4pm on the 16th of April 2021

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:

These are essential requirements of expanding high throughput SAR-CoV-2 sequencing within an urgent timeframe, whilst also providing a legacy of equipment with the functionality to be adapted and repurposed in future.

UK supply of consumable tips is a key concern to avoid disruptions to this critical service.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

6 April 2021

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

SPT Labtech Ltd

Melbourn Science Park, Melbourn, Royston, Herts SG8 6HB, UK

Royston Herts.

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

National registration number

3300999

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: £840,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Health England

61 Colindale avenue

Country

United Kingdom