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Contract

ID 5555908 - DEARA - AFBI - CSB purchase of an Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) and Gas Chromatographic Mass-Spectrometer (GC-MS/MS).

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c792

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

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Reference number

ID 5555908

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38433100 - Mass spectrometer

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

AFBI require a Supplier(s) for the supply, delivery, installation, commissioning, warranty, and training of staff in the use of an Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) and for the supply, delivery, installation, commissioning, warranty, and training of staff in the use of a Gas Chromatographic Mass-Spectrometer (GC-MS/MS) both of which must be delivered on or before 31st March 2025. This tender comprises of two lots: • Lot 1 – One Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS) • Lot 2 – One Gas Chromatographic Mass-Spectrometer (GC-MS/MS)

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £277,504.40

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometer ICP-MS

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38433000 - Spectrometers
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments
- 38970000 - Research, testing and scientific technical simulator

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Solvent standard test – Instrument detection limit and RSD assessment of repeated runs of a multi-elemental standard. / Weighting: 20.3

Quality criterion - Name: Solvent standard test – assessment of standard linearity / Weighting: 9.8

Quality criterion - Name: Sample test - recovery of matrix sample solutions. / Weighting: 39.9

Cost criterion - Name: Total Contract Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial contract period is for 12 months from commission with 4 optional extensions of 12 months each for extended warranty.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Gas Chromatographic Mass-Spectrometer GC-MS/MS

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38433000 - Spectrometers
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments
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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Sample test – Quantitation and confirmation of unknown Pesticide concentrations in positive control fish extract. / Weighting: 30.8

Quality criterion - Name: Sample test – Linearity R2 + Residuals in matrix standard calibration curve fish extract for the unknown pesticides determined in QA1 / Weighting: 19.6

Quality criterion - Name: Sample test - IDL of Pesticides in matrix sample for the unknown pesticides determined in QA1 / Weighting: 19.6

Cost criterion - Name: Total Contract Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial contract period is for 12 months from commission with 4 optional extensions of 12 months each for extended warranty.

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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: [2024/S 000-040113](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Inductively Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometer (ICP-MS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 February 2025

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

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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: £115,560

Total value of the contract/lot: £115,560

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Gas Chromatographic Mass-Spectrometer (GC-MS/MS)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 February 2025

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £161,944.40

Total value of the contract/lot: £161,944.40

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. 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 CPD 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 Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can 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 three years from the date of issue.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.