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Contract

Nominated Test Laboratory for the Assessment of Submissions of Chemical Irritant Sprays

Home Office

F03: Contract award notice

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

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Home Office

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/home-office

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Nominated Test Laboratory for the Assessment of Submissions of Chemical Irritant Sprays

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73432000 - Test and evaluation of firearms and ammunition

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Services:

The Secretary of State for the Home Department (the 'Home Office') requires a test facility to conduct independent assessment of submissions of police chemical irritant sprays based on Pelargonic Acid Vanillylamide (PAVA) which will consist of a technical file review, conducting testing and reporting in accordance with Home Office Standard for Police chemical Irritant sprays: PAVA, Publication Number: 23/14 (here on in referred to as the Standard) and Home Office Certification for Police Chemical Irritant Spray: PAVA. Process and Guidance Document (here on in referred to as the Guidance Document). The test facility will act as the Nominated Test Laboratory (NTL) in accordance the Guidance Document.

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: £1,193,889

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73432000 - Test and evaluation of firearms and ammunition

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Home Office is seeking to create a contract with a single supplier to test chemical irritant sprays.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: social value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-033959](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Alford Technologies

Wiltshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,193,889

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Home office

London

Country

United Kingdom