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Award

High Performance Caesium Clocks

National Physical Laboratory

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044869

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

National Physical Laboratory

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.npl.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

High Performance Caesium Clocks

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

Provision of up to 8 High Performance Caesium clocks for inclusion within current and future service nodes – to replace aging clocks at NPLTime hub sites, and to provide holdover capability to new service nodes

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: £638,361.64

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of up to 8 High Performance Caesium clocks for inclusion within current and future service nodes – to replace aging clocks at NPLTime hub sites, and to provide holdover capability to new service nodes

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 20

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

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:

The units are widely used within the National Time Scale group and have been shown to perform at the required specification.

Other market units do not meet performance requirements, or have not been extensively tested by NPL to ensure quoted specifications are met.

The units will be like for like replacements of existing units, or existing designs, which is required for compatibility with existing systems, and design for future systems – use of different units would require significant rework of designs and unfeasible.

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

9 March 2023

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

Milexia UK Ltd

378-380 Deansgate

Manchester

M3 4LY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £638,361.64

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

NPL Management Ltd

Hampton Road

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TW11 0LW

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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