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## **Monitoring+Maintenance of a Remote Temperature + Environmental Monitoring System**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-008725

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044a11

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

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

Defra Network eTendering Portal

Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

#### **Email**

[melanie.swain@defra.gov.uk](mailto:melanie.swain@defra.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

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

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Monitoring+Maintenance of a Remote Temperature + Environmental Monitoring System

Reference number

C23748

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice, indicating that Defra (on behalf of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)) intends to enter into a contract with Checkit Europe Ltd for cloud and sensor monitoring, onsite planned maintenance and UKAS-accredited onsite calibration of the existing (Checkit) remote temperature and environmental monitoring system.

Defra intends to award this contract following the expiry of a voluntary standstill period, 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

#### **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: £687,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Addlestone, Surrey (+ various other APHA locations).

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 0

#### **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 without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Based on the information detailed below, the conclusion is that Checkit Europe Ltd is the only supplier able to provide these Services (and replacement equipment) to APHA. To the best of our knowledge and investigations it is concluded that, given the Supplier's exclusive rights (IPR) to the equipment, and therefore the Services, only the incumbent Supplier can maintain the existing Remote Temperature and Environmental Monitoring (RTEM) system within APHA.

- Checkit has confirmed that they own IP in the equipment and software provided to / accessed by APHA under the current contract. Further investigation by APHA has confirmed that there are no re-sellers of CAM+ Equipment providing related temperature monitoring services (so a restricted competition amongst current distributors would not be a valid route to market).

- To enable connection between the equipment and Supplier software, it would appear that a new supplier would have to install their own equipment to APHA laboratories, which links to their own software package. This would involve replacing approximately 824 items of Equipment across the APHA estate. To unnecessarily remove and replace functioning Equipment would not only be a considerable expense and have a negative sustainability impact but would also, critically, have a significant and unacceptably disruptive effect on business-as-usual APHA scientific activities across the whole laboratory estate. (This would include containment facilities that can only be accessed by maintenance personnel during planned shutdowns, which only happen once per year.)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

13 March 2024

#### **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**

Checkit Europe Ltd.

Broers Building, 21 J J Thomson Ave., Cambridge,

Cambridge

CB3 0FA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH1 - East Anglia

National registration number

9343487

Internet address

[www.checkit.net](http://www.checkit.net)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £687,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>