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Contract

Air Monitoring System

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044a56

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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London

E14 4PU

Contact

Procurement Operations

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Air Monitoring System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434000 - Analysers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Air Monitoring System

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: £210,126.28

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38434000 - Analysers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

Main site or place of performance

Environment Agency

Spurrier House,
Lancashire Business Park,
Centurion Way,
Leyland Lancaster,
PR26 6TZ

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Environmental Hazards & Emergency Department (EHE) has no current mobile capability to monitor for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the urban environment. The capability of being able to monitor for the benzene toluene ethyl-benzene and xylene (BTEX) suite of VOCs using gas chromatography which provides a surrogate marker from petroleum-based sources. The airToxic benzene toluene ethyl-benzene and xylene (BTEX) single column GC analyser utilises a nitrogen carrier gas (via a nitrogen generator) to enable analysis of up to 8 VOC compounds including monitoring emissions to air, land and water Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTs) determination of BTEX. The airmoChromaVOC is a gas chromatograph – photo-ionisation detector (CG-PID) instrument designed for analysis of “light” hydrocarbons. It is used for the measurement of volatile hydrocarbons in the range of C2 to C6 i.e. from ethane through 1,3-Butadiene up to Benzene (and other C6 compounds).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority may extend the Contract for a period of up to forty-eight (48) months by giving not less than ten (10) Working Days’ notice in writing to the Supplier prior to the Expiry Date. The terms and conditions of the Contract shall apply throughout any such extended period.

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

Explanation:

The Environment Agency (EA) routinely use this range of instruments within their fleet. The Radiation, Chemicals and Environmental Hazards (RCE) team intend for the EA to manage their fleet of trailers alongside their own fleet to reduce costs. As such, it is necessary to procure the same equipment as the EA to avoid a mixed fleet being created and increased complexity in the ongoing maintenance and parts for the units as well as increased costs for the management of the units. It will also allow instruments which break or need servicing to be swapped out for the same instrument during protracted monitoring campaigns to minimise data loss. This is in accordance with Reg 32 (2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

14 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

WE CARE 4 AIR LIMITED

Unit C Bridgeworks, Hall Green, Essex

Hall Green

CM22 7RP

Telephone

+44 01279730029

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

09235089

Internet address

<https://www.wecare4air.com>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £210,126.28

Lowest offer: £210,126.28 / Highest offer: £210,126.28 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>