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Contract

## **DAERA - AFBI - 48363 (e)DNA Metagenomics for Advanced Plant Health Surveillance**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038628

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

18a Newforge Lane,

BELFAST

BT9 5PX

#### **Contact**

ssdadmin.cpdfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DAERA - AFBI - 48363 (e)DNA Metagenomics for Advanced Plant Health Surveillance

Reference number

ID 4435227

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

AFBI wish to seek a Contractor to carry out Illumina next generation sequencing on pre-extracted DNA samples, which will be collected over a four year period, as part of research projects, by AFBI Plant Health based at Newforge lane Belfast. Please see ID 4435227 – Specification for further details.

#### **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: £237,000

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics
- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

#### **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: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 40

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Contract is for 4 years with no extension options.

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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: [2022/S 000-032656](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 April 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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**

Source Bioscience UK Ltd

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NG8 6PX

Email

[jemma.keegan@sourcebioscience.com](mailto:jemma.keegan@sourcebioscience.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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: £237,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £237,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored. 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 this Contract may be. terminated. A central register... of such Notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website.. Any. contractor in receipt of a... Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for. a period of three years from the... date of issue of the Notice. It may also 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.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

x

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 (as amended), 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