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Award

DAERA AFBI Servicing, Reagents, Consumables for Illumina Miseq Benchtop Genome Sequencer

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs -Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.afbini.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DAERA AFBI Servicing, Reagents, Consumables for Illumina Miseq Benchtop Genome Sequencer

Reference number

ID3633874

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50430000 - Repair and maintenance services of precision equipment
 - FG11 - For scientific purposes

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This DAC covers purchasing of a new 5 year service contract for the Miseq instrument to replace that which came with the instrument when purchased after competition in 2015 which will be effective until the end of the asset's useful life.

This DAC further includes the foreseeable needs of other AFBI users of AFBI's MiSeq instrument for the next 5 years according to estimates supplied to the Bacteriology and Virology Branches at AFBI Stormont in relation to reagent usage.

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: £230,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Primarily for AFBI users in their Virology and Bacteriology Branches.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

Illumina are sole suppliers of equipment servicing and reagents that run on their machines. These machines are the state of the art for genome sequencing, and to ensure good quality data, AFBI need to be able to use the reagents designed for these platforms.

Having purchased the Illumina Miseq hardware, AFBI wish to purchase Illumina servicing and reagents (MiSeq reagent kits v2 and v3), as they are sole suppliers of both.

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

Contract No

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Title

DAERA AFBI Servicing, Reagents, Consumables for Illumina Miseq Benchtop Genome Sequencer

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

5 July 2021

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

Illumina UK

Cambridge

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £230,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £230,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated contract value is a broad estimate only and includes additional quantum for unforeseen demand and to future

proof. There is no guarantee of any level of business under this contract. The estimate is not deemed to be a condition of contract nor a guarantee of minimum demand or uptake.

No

compensation will be payable to a contractor should the actual demand be less than that stated.

The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per specification and regularly monitored (see Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 Contract

Management: <https://www.finance-ni.Gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/dfp/PGN-010>

12-Contract-Management-Principles-Procedures-25-Sept-2017.PDF). 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 Construction and Procurement Delivery 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 written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance and this

contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance will 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 for a period of up to 3 years from the date of issue of the notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

See VI.4.3 / Review procedure

See VI.4.3 / Review procedure

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.