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Contract

DNA, Anthropology & Genealogy Services

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-031055

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

Imjin Barracks, Innsworth

Gloucester

GL3 1HW

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DNA, Anthropology & Genealogy Services

Reference number

702242451

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC), Commemorative casework team are responsible for co-ordinating efforts to establish the identity of historic human remains recovered from battlefields and aircraft crash sites involving British service personnel and arranging a fitting burial. Anthropology and DNA analysis may be required to assist with confirming the identities of the remains where other methods have proved inconclusive. Genealogy services may also be required to assist in the identification process.

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The requirement is for a Framework agreement with a single operator call off contract where the MOD's JCCC is the only Authorised Demander.

The Contractor must be compliant with the Forensic Science Society, ISO/IEC 17025:2017, ISO9001:2000 or other appropriate equivalent industry standards. The Contractor will be required to:

- undertake anthropological and osteological analysis of historic remains;
- obtain DNA profiles from remains (usually from teeth or bone samples);
- undertake DNA profiling of the Y chromosome, to access the paternal lineage and mitochondrial DNA to determine the maternal lineage of human remains such as bone and/or tissue samples (within 1 month of receiving a sample for Y and 2 months for mitochondrial);
- provide advice on best possible living source of DNA profile for comparison purposes and genealogy if required;
- provide DNA sampling kits to individuals who volunteer to provide a sample for comparison purposes;
- analyse test results and compare them with the profile obtained from the historic sample;
- retest samples at the request of the Authority and make recommendations as to alternative scientific methods to obtain DNA profiles for comparison where said profiles cannot initially be obtained.
- produce various reports detailing their findings.

The contractor must ensure that remains are handled in accordance with worldwide legislation and regulations, including data protection requirements. The contractor may be required to visit the location (in Europe, Asia, North America and Africa) where the recovered remains are held.

The number of cases will vary depending on the number of remains recovered and therefore it is not possible to say how many cases the Authority will require the Contractor to undertake, however as a guide there have been 15 cases in the last 12 months. The contractor will be requested to undertake cases as required on a call- off basis. No business whatsoever is guaranteed under any resulting framework agreement or contract indeed there is no guarantee that any framework agreement or contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation etc. will be paid if a tender or resulting framework agreement is withdrawn for any reason. Bidders should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: As detailed in the Tender Documents / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: As detailed in the Tender Documentation / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

An option was included for the Authority at its discretion to extend beyond the 2 year contract in monthly or annual increments up to an additional 24 months

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

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

702242451

Title

DNA, Anthropology & Genealogy Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 April 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Orchid Cellmark Ltd

16 Blacklands Way

Abingdon

OX14 1DY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

04045527

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Business Partner 4

Head Office Commercial, Innsworth House, Imjin Barracks

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GL3 1HW

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United Kingdom