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## **UKHSA\_Scientific- Provision of Medical Wire MWE liquid swabs for Kiestra automation**

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

F02: Contract notice

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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

Nobel House, 17 Smith Square

London

SW1P 3JR

#### **Contact**

Scientific Procurement

#### **Email**

[science.cph@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:science.cph@ukhsa.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

UKHSA\_Scientific- Provision of Medical Wire MWE liquid swabs for Kiestra automation

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

- 38912000 - Automated swab test kits

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

Supplies

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

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is planning to award a contract via 2020/S 217-533940: UKHSA National Microbiology Framework Lot 1- Diagnostics to Medical Wire & Equipment CO. (Bath) Limited for the provision of liquid swabs for Kiestra automation for use in its Bristol Microbiology Laboratories. The consumables covered by this contract will include dry swabs, wood stick swabs, Transwab products (including swabs and mediums), VCM sigma swabs and Virocult swabs.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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

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automation for use in its Bristol Microbiology Laboratories. The consumables covered by this contract will include dry swabs, wood stick swabs, Transwab products (including swabs and mediums), VCM sigma swabs and Virocult swabs.

The swabs are integral for use our 'BD Kiestra' automation system, which is used for the processing of wound, STI and MRSA screening samples and subsequent identification of bacterial pathogens. Approximately 2000 swab samples are processed on the Kiestra system each day.

UKHSA believes that Medical Wire & Equipment CO. (Bath) Limited is the only supplier capable of providing the consumables we require for our critical screening services. Validation of the consumables took approximately 9 months to complete. During this time, extensive work was undertaken by BD engineers as part of the validation to ensure that the swabs were compatible with the complex automated parts of the Kiestra system, and MWE also modified the swab container lids to create a bespoke product that ensures perfect compatibility with the Kiestra robotics. The Kiestra system and MWE swabs are now perfectly configured to work in synergy without the risk of, for example, jamming swabs or dropping lids, which ensures an efficient and constant flow of samples through the laboratory.

If you have a solution which you believe could meet our requirements, please send a copy of your quote and information about the consumables you can provide to [science.cph@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:science.cph@ukhsa.gov.uk) by no later than 12pm on 5th July 2023.

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

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

##### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

5 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

##### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 30 September 2023

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

21 June 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>