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## **Provision of a Research Collaboration Project to investigate highly antimicrobial inorganic coatings for infection control**

UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

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

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.uhi.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00101](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00101)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of a Research Collaboration Project to investigate highly antimicrobial inorganic coatings for infection control

Reference number

UHI-LAB-24081

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

Services

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

The University wishes to invite tenders to supply and work with The University in a Research Collaboration Project. The subject of the Project is the evaluation of technologies for the production of adherent, hard, inorganic antimicrobial coatings.

The Research Collaboration Project will be guided by a Research Collaboration Agreement. The Research Collaboration Agreement will be added to the University of the Highlands and Islands' Terms and Conditions of Contract as an Addendum.

It should be noted that this will be agreed following contract award. The University does not have a standard Research Collaboration Agreement which can be shared.

The coatings will be applied primarily, but not exclusively, to healthcare products such as surgical instruments and implants. The successful applicant (The Contractor) will work with The University under the terms of an agreed Research Collaboration Agreement.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 24310000 - Basic inorganic chemicals
- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment
- 44113330 - Coating materials
- 45442000 - Application work of protective coatings
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

Main site or place of performance

Inverness

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

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The University does not have a standard Research Collaboration Agreement which can be shared.

In terms of the coatings, these will be applied primarily, but not exclusively, to healthcare products such as surgical instruments and implants. The successful applicant (The Contractor) will work with The University under the terms of an agreed Research Collaboration Agreement.

The Contractor must have an existing process in development which can produce antimicrobial coatings on surfaces by physical vapour deposition (PVD).

The Contractor shall participate in a collaboration between The University and The Contractor to participate in the construction of apparatus to replicate the developed process and site this at The University.

The Contractor shall be required to provide a list of all the parts, which form the apparatus. The University will own the apparatus. The University will supply some of the parts required to the Contractor. The parts which the University will supply include:

- A 1600 litre per second turbomolecular pump
- A dry pump (circa 1000 litres per min)
- A 5kW pulsed DC power supply (three off)
- A high frequency 6kW power supply for substrate bias (Bias Operation).

It must be noted that UHI have not purchased these items, for which these items are currently out to tender.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Process Capability / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality Management and Assurance / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Post Project Support / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 5%

Price - Weighting: 25%

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

Duration in months

66

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

A two year maintenance and servicing plan will be applicable. The University reserves the right to extend the maintenance and servicing plan by a period of three (3) years.

It should be noted that following the expiry of the initial two-year Research Collaboration

Agreement, the University reserves the right to extend the Research Collaboration Agreement on an annual basis.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

This requirement is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 Programme Scotland.

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commence of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

- Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = GBP 5 Million
- Product Liability Insurance = GBP 5 Million
- Public Liability Insurance = GBP 5 Million

#### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Not applicable

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

Originally published as:

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Local time

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Date

15 August 2022

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

8 August 2022

Local time

12:01pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This requirement is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 Programme Scotland.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 21687. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Inverness Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court

Inverness

IV2 3EG

Country

United Kingdom