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Award

DOJ DAC 10/24 Provision of Helium BiPS

Forensic Science Northern Ireland

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Forensic Science Northern Ireland

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Belfast

BT3 9ED

Email

justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/forensic-science/forensic-science-northern-ireland>

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

DOJ DAC 10/24 Provision of Helium BiPS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24111300 - Helium

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This Direct Award Contract is to cover expenditure for the supply of cylinders of helium gas with a Built In Purification System (BIPS) for use with an instrumentation set up in a number of labs across FSNI which demands high purity helium in order to avoid unnecessary maintenance, repair and down time.

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: £180,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

This contract is awarded in accordance with the following derogations under the regulations:

I. Where competition is absent for technical reasons (regulation 32(2)(b)(ii);

II. For reasons connected with the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights (reg32(2)(b) iii) but only where

no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

BIPS cylinders are exclusive to the contractor, who have this system patented, therefore no other supplier can offer the same or similar products in UK or Ireland.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 June 2024

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

Information withheld for security reasons

N/A

Email

Justice.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £180,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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

N/A

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 (as amended)