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Contract

Monitoring+Maintenance of a Remote Temperature + Environmental Monitoring System

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04727f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Monitoring+Maintenance of a Remote Temperature + Environmental Monitoring System

Reference number

C24692

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) require service, maintenance and calibration of the existing (Checkit Europe Ltd) remote temperature and environmental monitoring system.

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: £661,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Addlestone, Surrey (+ various other APHA locations).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

APHA require service, maintenance and calibration of a remote temperature and environmental monitoring system. The Services include:

- Standard and premium levels of monitoring and support: 24/7 (365 days a year), sensor alerts (by text or email, plus alert calling option if required) and helpdesk / support service.
- Calibration: Provision of on-site UKAS (ISO 17025) calibration service with certificates of calibration provided.
- Cloud Platform: Access to secure online software and data storage.
- Hardware: Any replacements needed to maintain performance. Remote diagnosis of any issues (with self-swap or engineer visit if needed).
- Maintenance: Ongoing system maintenance and software upgrades (+ annual preventative maintenance health check).

This contract covers the period 01/07/2024 to 31/03/2027 (with an extension of up to 24-months, to 31/03/2029). The value shown on this notice is approximate for the total period (including extension).

A voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice (reference 2024/S 000-008725) was published on 18/03/2024 for this requirement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 0%

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

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

Explanation:

Based on the information detailed below, and publication of a VEAT Notice on 18/03/2024, it was concluded that Checkit Europe Ltd is the only supplier able to meet APHA's requirements.

Checkit Europe Ltd own the IPR to the equipment and software provided to / accessed by APHA under the current contract. Further investigation has confirmed that there are no re-sellers of CAM+ Equipment providing related temperature monitoring services (so a restricted competition amongst current distributors would not be a valid route to market).

To enable connection between the Equipment and Supplier software, a new supplier would have to install their own Equipment to APHA laboratories, which links to their own software package. This would involve replacing approximately 824 items of Equipment across the APHA estate.

To unnecessarily remove and replace functioning Equipment would not only be a considerable expense and have a negative sustainability impact but would also, critically, have a significant and unacceptably disruptive effect on business-as-usual APHA scientific activities across the whole laboratory estate. (This would include containment facilities that can only be accessed by maintenance personnel during planned shutdowns, which only happen once per year.)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH1 - East Anglia

National registration number

9343487

Internet address

<https://www.checkit.net/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £661,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £661,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>