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Contract

The Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment

Medicines Discovery Catapult

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKD62 - Cheshire East

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Private LTD - Medical Research

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Medical Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment

Reference number

DN565086

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Medicines Discovery Catapult Ltd (MDC) is a national facility for collaborative R&D exploring and developing new approaches to the discovery and proof of well targeted medicines, diagnostics and biomarkers. Funded by Innovate UK, an agency of the UK government, MDC are an independent not-for-profit company bringing together a fragmented UK sector of industry, academia, charities, technologists, services, finance companies, SMEs and start-ups who together can turn good science into new, high value products. By sharing problems, rare expertise and assets we support the growth of this new community through a time of radical business and national change.

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.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

MDC are expanding their PCR capability and thus require the supply and installation of the below equipment for COVID-PCR testing via the Accredited assay:

5 x Thermo Kingfisher flex

3 x Quant Studio 7's

MDC Ltd is a ISO accreditation laboratory within the terms of the ISO 15189 Accreditation we must use the above equipment.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

MDC is an ISO 15189 Accreditation Laboratory and our commercial contracts dictate that we must hold / retain this status.

The ISO 15189 Accreditation has been reviewed / awarded on the current equipment within the MDC Laboratory including the Thermo Fisher Kingfishers, as such we are unable to install 'other' equipment into the laboratory without this affecting the ISO 15189 Accreditation. The installation of 'other' equipment would invalidate the ISO 15189 Accreditation and the MDC would have to be reassessed for the ISO 15189 Accreditation and the introduction of 'other' equipment.

The need to stay with the current equipment supplier is founded on the use of a single assay and protocol under our UKAS accreditation; this ensures that

- 1) Workflow is consistent to one method
- 2) Mistakes cannot occur due to confusion of different methods, training a workforce of more than 700FTE on new systems, sops and complex workflows runs risks that errors will be introduced
- 3) That the quality standards required by UKAS are continued to be met
- 4) We maintain consistency with reagent provider CE-certification on this equipment

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

23 July 2021

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

Life Technologies Limited

3 Fountain Drive, Inchinnan Business Park

Paisley

PA4 9RF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

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

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