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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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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD62 - Cheshire East

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://md.catapult.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://md.catapult.org.uk/>

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

Other type

Private LTD - Medical Research

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Medical Research

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## **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

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## 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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Medicines Discovery Catapult

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