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## **Hire of Wind Tunnel for dermal aerosol protection assessments**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f0a7

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Ministry of Defence

DSTL Porton Down

SALISBURY

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK - South West (England)

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-science-and-technology-laboratory>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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### **Section II: Object**

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

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

Hire of Wind Tunnel for dermal aerosol protection assessments

Reference number

0000029019-VTN

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

Hire of wind tunnel and adjacent laboratory with support staff to operate wind tunnel and perform chemical analysis

##### **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: £160,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

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

Hire of wind tunnel and adjacent laboratory with support staff to operate wind tunnel and perform chemical analysis

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

Price

### **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**

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure
- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory on behalf of The Secretary of state for Defence intends to procure the services of Silsoe Spray Applications Unit (SSAU), to hire a wind tunnel and adjacent laboratory to perform chemical analysis on the dissemination of aerosols.

It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (as required by the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with regulation 32(b)(ii) of the PCR 2015 because competition is absent for technical reasons as outlined below:

The tests Dstl conduct involve the dissemination of aerosols within a wind tunnel. The wind tunnel must be large enough to house the test mannequins (at the very least 2.5m wide and 2m high, ideally at least 3 m x 2.5 m) with a long enough working area to allow dissemination far enough from the mannequin to allow mixing (>10 m floor length). However, it must not be so large that we cannot generate the aerosols at high enough concentrations within an acceptable time frame (