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Award

900,000

Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

900,000

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33954000 - Biological evidence collection kits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

mobile evidential breathalysers

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: £900,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Evidential Breathalyser Kits;

- A range of 0.000 – 0.650 grams/210 Litres
- An accuracy of $\pm 3\%$
- A precision standard deviation of 0.003
- Must be portable, and be able to fit into the boot of a car
- Be usable roadside

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

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 negotiated procedure with prior publication of a contract notice
- 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:

The Authority intends to award a contract to Lions Laboratory for the procurement of mobile evidential breathalysers, Intoxilisers 9000. The estimated total value of the contract is £900k (inc VAT).

In accordance with the provisions of The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 SI No. 2020/1319, this procurement falls to be regulated under the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended (in particular by SI 2020/1319). Prior publication of a contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union is no longer appropriate. It is considered that the award of the contract without prior publication of a contract notice in the UK e-notification service (in accordance with the relevant legislation) is lawful in accordance with Regulation 32(b)(ii) of PCR 2015 as competition is absent for technical reasons.

As well as being portable and being operational road-side so that drivers that are suspected of being above the legal limit for alcohol can be tested at the roadside, in order to be used as evidence in court the range, accuracy, and precision parameters of the device must be such to ensure the data collected is reliable, namely:

- A range of 0.000 – 0.650 grams/210 Litres
- An accuracy of $\pm 3\%$
- A precision standard deviation of 0.003

Lions Laboratory is the only manufacturer of mobile evidential breathalysers which meet the Authority's requirements of being mobile and statistically significant and substantiated by research.

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Other mobile breathalysers on the market only have a range up to 0.003 grams/210 Litres, which is not clinically significant enough as the threshold is too low to evidentially assess someone's blood alcohol level, and therefore would not stand up in a UK court of law.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

8 September 2022

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

Lions Laboratories Limited

Barry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £900,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

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Country

United Kingdom