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Ministry of Defence

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Ministry of Defence

DSTL Porton Down

SALISBURY

Email

ivhill@dstl.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.centralenquiries@dstl.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

240000

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434510 - Cytometers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of Cytek Aurora Cytometer

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: £240,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Porton Down, SALISBURY

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply and Set-up of Cytek Aurora Cytometer

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Affordable and meets technical requirements / Weighting: 100

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 without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open 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:

Redundancy

DSTL currently utilises a CyTek Aurora, which is a high specialised piece of equipment that works well. However when experiments are designed for this equipment and it

breaks/malfunctions DSTL has no other system as capable to run those samples until the system is fixed. If that takes longer than expected then DSTL's experimental samples may be ruined and not viable. Having a second system would mean DSTL can take those samples and run them on that system instead and therefore not lose the experimental data associated with that experiment. If DSTL were to purchase a different cytometer then it would not be possible to directly run the samples on this as 1. It may require a different setup 2. DSTL may not have the same technical specification to run those samples 3. DSTL may need to generate further controls for the experiment due to the different technical setups of the instruments (which may not be possible). Therefore having an identical machine from the same manufacturer is necessary for full redundancy of the capability.

Scientific Rigour

Machines from two different manufacturers are fundamentally not the same, they utilise different components and use different types of parts, detectors etc. This means that if DSTL starts an experiment on one system and it breaks then DSTL has a different system to run those samples on DSTL we cannot guarantee the data generated will be the same (assuming DSTL can run them on a different machine see redundancy comments). Having identical systems also means DSTL can run parallel studies with both machines and have data that will all be comparable as the system are the same spec work in the same way, utilise the same parts etc.

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

28 October 2021

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

FlowCEL Cytometric Engineering Ltd

WITCHFORD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £240,000 / Highest offer: £240,000 taken into consideration

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication for

Technical Reasons under PCR, Regulation 32(5)(b)

The reasons are as follows:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

SALISBURY

Country

United Kingdom