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## **Consumables + Servicing for Integra Pipetting Machines**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-028572

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0498b3

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Consumables + Servicing for Integra Pipetting Machines

Reference number

C26181

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38437000 - Laboratory pipettes and accessories

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Supplies

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

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice, indicating that Defra (on behalf of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)) intends to enter into a contract with Integra Biosciences Limited.

The contract will be for the supply of specialist laboratory consumables that work with the ASSIST PLUS pipetting robot, the VIAFLO 96, the WELLJET dispenser and dispenser stacker, and the MINI 96 electronic pipette), along with the service and maintenance of this laboratory equipment.

The value shown on this notice is only an estimate for a total six-year period, as the volume of samples can be unpredictable as work fluctuates.

Defra intends to award this contract following the expiry of a voluntary standstill period, 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

### **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: £934,538.29

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

APHA, Weybridge, Surrey.

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- 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:

Based on the information detailed below, the conclusion is that Integra Biosciences Ltd (the Supplier) is the only provider able to supply the required goods and services to APHA.

- The majority of the required specialist consumables contain registered trademarks (including the GRIPTIPS® pipette tips) and they work interchangeably across many of the Supplier's liquid handling solutions, including the Assist Plus, Viaflo and Mini 96 pipette systems.
- Unique features have been identified for the Supplier's equipment, confirming the requirement for bespoke consumables.
- The Supplier does not use third-parties for sales or servicing (they have a direct (internal) sales and technical service group). They have confirmed they do not endorse or supply OEM parts to external entities.
- Research has indicated no other provider that could supply the range of specialist Integra products required.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

4 September 2024

#### **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**

Integra Biosciences

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SN13 0FA

Telephone

+44 1635797000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

National registration number

08462829

Internet address

[www.integra-biosciences.com](http://www.integra-biosciences.com)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £934,538.29

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £934,538.29

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>