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## **CEFAS22-53 Invitation to Tender for provision of a chemical imaging and spectral analysis system**

Cefas

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.cefas.co.uk](http://www.cefas.co.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/go/886911010183C6B243A7>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/go/886911010183C6B243A7>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

CEFAS22-53 Invitation to Tender for provision of a chemical imaging and spectral analysis system

#### **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**

The Marine Litter Team at Cefas require a chemical imaging and spectral analysis system to maintain and enhance Cefas' capability for the fast screening of microplastics in environmental samples down to at least 20 m. The proposed system will include an integrated particle characterisation process including size of the particles as well as polymer type by comparison to a built-in library database.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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integrated particle characterisation process including size of the particles as well as polymer type by comparison to a built-in library database.

Chemical Imaging and spectral analysis system requirements:

- have a small footprint as laboratory space is limited. The unit should have a maximum footprint of (W x H x D) of 1000 x 500 x 650 (mm)
- be based on Quantum Cascade Laser (QCL) combined with scanning optics
- be highly automated
- not require cooling liquids such as liquid nitrogen, to reduce operating costs
- able to image large samples (e.g., 25 mm filters) as well as focusing on specific zones/particles of interest
- be able to operate in reflectance and attenuated total reflectance (ATR) mode and should be able to automatically switch between the two modes
- support samples on filters applications (e.g., gold, silver or other types of filters) of at least 25 mm diameters
- be able to analyse particles down to at least 20 m in size
- be provided with a PC with Windows 10 as a minimum and operating software including a full polymer library
- include all other related key components such as nitrogen or air compressors

Software requirements:

- offer software with a fast and easy method creation
- include additional features including spectra post-processing options
- include search libraries for reliable compound identification with the option of creating in-house libraries
- allow for easy exports of data (e.g., MS Excel format) including analytical spectra and library matches

It is important to Cefas that delivery is made before or during WC 20 March 2023 to ensure payment by end of FY22-23. If delivery cannot be accommodated in this

timeframe, please refrain from bidding.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

7 December 2022

End date

31 March 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

11 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 November 2022

Local time

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom