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Contract

**180719**

Ministry of Defence

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f976

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

#### **Email**

[Eliot.Murton100@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Eliot.Murton100@mod.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/>

### **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**

180719

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

- 33192500 - Test tubes

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

Supplies

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

The Royal Navy, part of the UK Ministry of Defence, has awarded a 5 year contract to Markes International for the provision of Tenax-TA Sorbent Tubes. It is considered that this contract can be awarded using the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a contract notice pursuant to regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for technical reasons. While the Tenax-ta tubes can be sourced from multiple manufacturers the tubes themselves are unique to each suppliers' specifications and will not be compatible with machines designed for specific suppliers test tubes. MOD only requires tubes and immediately associated items, which are required to be compatible with its existing machines. Switching suppliers would require recertification of the laboratories testing processes for the samples as well as the purchase of new equipment. Using incompatible equipment would result in anomalies with unacceptable risk to the safety of MOD personnel.

#### **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: £180,719

## **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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### **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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

19 November 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Markes International Limited

Bridgend

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £180,719

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom