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Award

Kent Scientific Services (KSS) Instruments

Kent County Council

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Scope

Reference

CN250435

Description

Kent Scientific Services require additional equipment, to supplement existing instruments.

The equipment required is as follows:

Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer triple

Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer triple quadrupole

2 x High Performance Liquid Chromatography instrument with diode array and fluorescence detector

Jet clean upgrade for existing LCMSQQQ (to be fitted to existing instrument)

Contract 1. KSS Instruments

Supplier

- AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES LDA UK LIMITED

Contract value

- £476,300 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 August 2025
- 1 month

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement
- Extreme and unavoidable urgency

The Council requires additional instruments which are the same as, and compatible with existing provisions. A change of Supplier would result in the Council receiving goods that are different from, and incompatible with the existing equipment, which would result in significant technical difficulties in operation and maintenance. This would result in significant delays to key services undertaken by Kent Scientific Services.

Please note that the Direct Award Justification of 'Extreme and Unavoidable Urgency' does NOT apply, but is selected due to a technical error using the UK5 Transparency Notice.

Supplier

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. KSS Instruments

Contracting authority

Kent County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDL-8938-YGYW

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Maidstone

ME14 1XQ

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Region: UKJ45 - Mid Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government