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Contract

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Email**

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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

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Consumables + Servicing for Integra Pipetting Machines

Reference number

C26424

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

- 38437000 - Laboratory pipettes and accessories

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

Supplies

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

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) requires specific Integra products (including parts, accessories and disposables) and BASIC and PLATINUM Preventative and Corrective Maintenance services for existing Integra Equipment.

#### **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: £934,500

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Addlestone in Surrey and Carmarthen in Wales

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

APHA require specific Integra products (including parts, accessories and disposables) and BASIC and PLATINUM Preventative and Corrective Maintenance services for existing Integra Equipment.

This contract covers the period 01/10/2024 to 30/09/2028 (with an extension of up to 24-months, to 30/09/2030). The value shown on this notice is approximate for the total period (including extension).

A voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice (reference 2024/S 00-028572) was published on 06/09/2024 for this requirement.

#### **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

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:

Based on the information detailed below, and publication of a VEAT Notice on 06/09/2024, it was concluded that Integra Biosciences is the only supplier able to meet APHA's requirements.

- The Supplier has provided detailed information on the Integra Equipment owned by APHA, highlighting each of their unique features. They are clear that their Equipment is sold and serviced by a direct (internal) sales and technical service group (i.e. they do not sell their Equipment and related parts / accessories / disposables via distributors or use third parties for service / maintenance). Several of the required products contain registered trademarks for the Supplier (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.

- A detailed internet search, which included multiple alternative (current APHA) laboratory consumables suppliers, indicated very limited availability of specific Integra branded products (none of those listed for purchase are required by APHA under this contract). An assumption is that Integra products available from other suppliers may be old / discontinued stock and supports the sole source information provided by the Supplier.

#### 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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

25 September 2024

#### **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**

Integra Biosciences

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

National registration number

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Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £934,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £934,500

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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>