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## **Abionics SA AbioSCOPE sensitivity enhancement project**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

Ministry of Defence

Portsmouth Hill Road

Portsmouth

PO176AD

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

[www.dstl.gov.uk](http://www.dstl.gov.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**

Abionics SA AbioSCOPE sensitivity enhancement project

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

- 38911000 - Manual swab test kits

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

Supplies

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

This project will assess five different technical options to enhance the sensitivity of the Abionic MOTS ovalbumin IVD assay. The most favourable, or a combination of favourable options, will be optimised, evaluated and manufactured prior to assessment by Dstl.

#### **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: 153,000 CHF

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

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

NUTS codes

- CH - Switzerland

#### **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 contract has its object services listed in Annex II B

Explanation:

The UK Ministry of Defence has the requirement for a high technology readiness level solution that can detect threat materials in environmental samples with high specificity and sensitivity.

Dstl now intends to procure the services of Abionic SA (Switzerland) to enhance the sensitivity of the Abionic MOTS ovalbumin IVD assay.

This particular assay is a laboratory test consumable, which is an equipment-specific plastic disposable device that allows the sample to be manipulated and presented to a proprietary instrument: the AbioSCOPE.. It has been designed and developed incorporating task-specific component parts (in this case MoD GFE antibodies in combination with Abionic's proprietary formulation of chemicals) that can be applied to specifically determine the presence of a substance (in this case the model protein, ovalbumin).

The procurement of these assays are required to meet specific customer specifications for analysis. A single source justification is deemed necessary in this instance, under Section 34 Regulation 32(5)(b); where the assays are intended to serve as a "(b) addition to an existing installation" (in this instance, the existing AbioSCOPE). A change in supplier would oblige Dstl to acquire supplies of different technical characteristics, resulting in the sourcing of a new instrument and a separate supply of consumables, changes to service support maintenance, as well as disproportionate technical difficulties in its operability (in this instance, changes to current uncertainties reported to our customer). Most significantly, there will be the necessity to fully revalidate methods on to the new instrument, causing an unacceptable burden on resources and a delay in the delivery of high priority work for the CBR S&T programme.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

DSTL0000023435

### **Title**

Abionics

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 October 2023

#### **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**

Abionic SA

Lausanne

Country

Switzerland

NUTS code

- CH - Switzerland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 153,000 CHF

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

DSTL

Portsmouth

Country

United Kingdom