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## **Test Tool Renewal**

National Physical Laboratory

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

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

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TW11 0LW

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Test Tool Renewal

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Renewal of support contract for 19 hardware and software elements which constitute a specialist ORAN and RAN test tool.

**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: £498,695.86

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

Renewal of support contract for 19 hardware and software elements which constitute a specialist ORAN and RAN test tool. To realise a cost reduction by going for 2 years, NPL wish to renew the support contract for an existing specialist RAN/ORAN test tool.

The support contract addresses bespoke hardware and bespoke specialist software.

#### **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**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The test tool in question is vendor specific software running on vendor specific hardware. Only the vendor of the hardware and software can offer the required support of the deployed solution in NPL. The support covers 19 unique elements, being a mix of hardware break/fix support and RAN/ORAN software module support. A single source supplier for all elements is required for ongoing support.

#### **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/concession**

### **Title**

Test Tool Support Renewal

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

11 October 2024

#### **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**

Keysight Technologies UK Limited

610 Wharfedale Road, Winnersh Triangle

Wokingham

RG41 5TP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £498,695.86

**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**

NPL Management Limited

Teddington

TW11 0LW

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United Kingdom