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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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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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