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## **UKHSA\_Scientific- Provision of a WASPLab Processing Module and Picking Station**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

10 South Colonnade

London

E14 4PU

#### **Contact**

Science Tendering

#### **Email**

[science.tendering@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:science.tendering@ukhsa.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

UKHSA\_Scientific- Provision of a WASPLab Processing Module and Picking Station

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

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

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

Supplies

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

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is planning to award a contract via 2020/S 217-533940: UKHSA National Microbiology Framework Lot 1- Diagnostics to Don Whitley Scientific Ltd for the provision of a WASPLab processing module and WASPLab picking station for use at its Manchester site. The equipment will be used for the processing and culturing of urine, MRSA, ear, eye, nose, and throat, etc. swabs and samples.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £260,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Main site or place of performance

UKHSA Manchester

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

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UKHSA believes that, following discussions with other distributors of Copan WASPLab processing modules and picking stations, Don Whitley Scientific Ltd is the only supplier capable of providing the equipment we require.

The laboratory has several pieces of WASPLab equipment and software, provided by Don Whitley, currently installed and operational. Any new equipment would need to be compatible with the existing WASPLab instruments and software and be scalable for future projects. The equipment would also need to be able to be networked into the existing data centre which runs the other lines and be able to integrate into a full line with a double incubator and Copan imaging module in the future.

During our discussions with other Copan WASPLab equipment distributors, we were informed that none of the distributors would be able to integrate their servers into our existing Don Whitley servers, due to risks surrounding liability if there was a problem with the server or the server needed to be maintained or upgraded. This would mean that an additional server tower would be required specifically for an alternative supplier's equipment. Given the size constraints of the laboratory, we would not be able to accept a solution that requires installing an additional server tower. Given this, and the unacceptable liability risks preventing alternative suppliers from integrating their servers into our existing server tower, we believe that Don Whitley Scientific Ltd would be the only supplier capable of meeting our requirements.

If you have a solution which you believe could meet our requirements, please send a copy of your quote and information about the equipment you can provide to [science.tendering@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:science.tendering@ukhsa.gov.uk) by no later than 5pm on 30th November 2023.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £260,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 December 2023

End date

30 November 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

##### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

**IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

30 November 2023

Local time

5:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 November 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

10 South Colonnade

London

E14 4PU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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