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Contract

APHA Rental of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Testing Equipment

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

C29937

Description

APHA is the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) reference laboratory for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) testing and requires the appropriate technology to provide accurate and timely veterinary AMR surveillance and clinical requirements. AMR testing can be accomplished by Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC), disk diffusion and molecular analysis. APHAs current requirement is for the disc diffusion method. However, no one method can determine accurately antimicrobial resistance completely therefore flexibility is required. These are very specialist machines that require complete compatibility with APHAs Laboratory Information Management System (LIMs). They must also be easily configurable to integrate into the dataflow and align to existing methods specific to veterinary surveillance. Giles Scientific are the only manufacturer of the Biomic3 system and there are currently no other suitable alternative readers available on the market. Please note that this contract started on the 01 August 2025 not the 15

August 2025 as advertised.

Contract 1. APHA Rental of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Testing Equipment

Supplier

- [Giles Scientific Inc.](#)

Contract value

- £108,000 excluding VAT
- £129,600 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

14 August 2025

Contract dates

- 15 August 2025 to 31 July 2026
- Possible extension to 31 July 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

The Authority may extend the contract to the extension end date by providing at least 3 months notice.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
KPI 3 - Software	Software updates shall be managed effectively.	12 months
KPI 1 - Delivery on Time	The Equipment is delivered with four (4) weeks of the contract being accepted.	12 months
KPI 2 - Quality	The Equipment is accepted as suitable by APHA and performs to the manufacturer's specifications.	12 months
KPI 4 - Hardware	Corrective maintenance is performed on the Equipment as required.	12 months
KPI 5 - Support	Customer support shall be provided by the Supplier seven (7) days per week.	12 months

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

Giles Scientific Inc.

Post Office Box 4306

Santa Barbara, California

USA 93140

United States

Email: nik@biomic.com

Website: <https://www.biomic.com/>

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHC-6261-BLLQ

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra group Commercial

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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