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Award

Ion Chromatography Systems, Autosampler and 10 Year Preventative Maintenance

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

715654454

Description

--Please note - outcome letters were issued to tenderers on 5th December 2025 informing them of the results of the procurement, their scores and feedback. These letters initiated the standstill period which is due to expire on 17th December 2025. Due to a system error with the Defence Sourcing Portal this notice could not be published on the same day, so some auto-generated dates may be incorrect in this notice. The correct date for the end of the standstill period is midnight on 17th December 2025 and contract award is expected to follow imminently.--

The Environmental and Industrial Hazards (EIH) Laboratory at the Institute of Naval Medicine requires two Ion Chromatography Systems to replace the current Ion Chromatograph which has reached the end of its useful life and to provide additional capability according to new requirements.

The systems will primarily be used for analysis of anions in raw, potable and bottled water samples in accordance with the requirements of service doctrine^{1, 2, 3} and UK drinking water legislation^{4, 5}, but other matrices will include environmental samples such as groundwater, surface water and wastewater.

One Ion Chromatograph must be capable of analysing 9 anions (fluoride, chlorite, chloride, nitrite, chlorate, bromide, nitrate, sulphate and phosphate) using conductivity detection.

The other Ion Chromatograph must be capable of analysing bromate in samples with elevated levels of chloride with post column derivatisation and absorbance detection. Specifically, post column addition of potassium iodide followed by detection of triiodide using a uv-vis detector.

The systems must meet the requirements for trueness, precision and limit of detection detailed in The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2018.

See Invitation to Tender for further details.

Contract 1. Ion Chromatography Systems, Autosampler and 10 Year Preventative Maintenance

Supplier

- Thermo Electron Manufacturing Limited t/a Thermo Fisher Scientific

Contract value

- £469,156.36 excluding VAT
- £562,987.63 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 22 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2036
- 10 years, 3 months

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract will include the option to buy consumables and spare parts for the chromatograph systems throughout the duration of the contract, up to a maximum limit of £20,000 ex VAT per annum. The contract is set at an initial price of £269,156.36 ex VAT (or £322,987.63 inc VAT) for the initial purchase and maintenance service, with the option to increase this to a maximum of £469,156.36 ex VAT (or £562,987.63 inc VAT) for the ad-hoc consumable and spare part purchases as detailed in the contract.

CPV classifications

- 38432200 - Chromatographs

Contract locations

- UKJ - South East (England)

Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Thermo Electron Manufacturing Limited t/a Thermo Fisher Scientific

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQNM-6125-XPWL

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Region: UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Maintenance

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government