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**United Kingdom-Oxford: Biomedical equipment
2020/S 164-399640**

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: Vaccine Manufacturing and Innovation Centre UK Ltd

National registration number: 11125126

Postal address: John Eccles House, Robert Robinson Avenue

Town: Oxford

NUTS code: UKJ14 Oxfordshire

Postal code: OX4 4GP

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Sally Hopkin

E-mail: Tenders@vmicuk.com

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.vmicuk.com>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type: A requirement of the funder

I.5) Main activity

Other activity: Vaccine Manufatcure

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Rapid Enumeration Device to Accelerate and Automate Detection of Microbial Colonies

Reference number: VMIC202020

II.1.2) Main CPV code

38434540 Biomedical equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description:

VMIC is seeking a system that automates and accelerates the incubation of environmental plates and the enumeration of colonies on environmental plates. It is looking for a system that can incubate the plates, if required, at two distinct temperatures in two stages (20-25 °C and 30-30 °C). Although the approximate number of environmental plates routinely to be incubated is currently not known, a considerable amount of plates is predicted for the validation and routine monitoring of 22 cleanrooms with associated support areas and for the establishment of an environmental monitoring process qualification programme.

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: 604 000.00 USD

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

33600000 Pharmaceutical products

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKJ14 Oxfordshire

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

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There is only one system available on the market that can meet VMICs full system requirements including:

- the potential of accelerated growth detection and sample automation from start of incubation to evaluation of plates with no manual operator requirement;
- autofluorescence imaging to enhance data integrity, compliance and mitigate against false negative results;
- large system capacity > 600 plates;
- manual and automatic loading capability;
- two incubators enables two distinct temperatures with automatic plate transfer from one temperature to the other;
- Peltier temperature control on small closed space;
- condensation removal unit (CRU) at each reading;
- two-way LIMS connection to multiple LIMS providers;
- full support with dedicated teams offering a full validation package including IOQ/PQ/MQ service (on site-validation engineer + full documentation).

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

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

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure without prior publication

- 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:

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IV.1.3) **Information about framework agreement**

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.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Section V: Award of contract/concession

Contract No: VMIC202020

Title:

Rapid Enumeration Device to Accelerate and Automate Detection of Microbial Colonies

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

V.2.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

20/08/2020

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**

Official name: Rapid Micro Biosystems

Postal address: 1001 Pawtucket Blvd West, Suite 280

Town: Lowell

NUTS code: US UNITED STATES

Postal code: MA 01854

Country: United States

The contractor/concessionaire will be an SME: no

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 604 000.00 USD

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, VMIC has incorporated a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period starting from the day of contract award.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Vaccine Manufacturing and Innovation Centre UK Ltd (VMIC)

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Country: United Kingdom

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

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

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

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

20/08/2020