Statement of Requirement: Two Hydraulic Postmortem Room Tables for APHA Carmarthen

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# PURPOSE

## Purchase of two hydraulic Postmortem Room tables for APHA Carmarthen. These tables are essential to safely carry out post-mortems of large animals.

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# BACKGROUND TO THE CONTRACTING aUTHORITY

## The Department Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (the “**Authority**”) is the UK Government Department responsible for the environment, food and farming and rural affairs. The Authority’s priorities are to secure a healthy natural environment; a sustainable, low-carbon economy; a thriving farming sector and a sustainable, healthy and secure food supply. Further information on the Authority can be found at: [Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs).

## The Animal and Plant Health Agency (“**APHA**”) is one of the Authority’s executive agencies with priorities to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy. Further information on the APHA can be found at: [Animal and Plant Health Agency - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency).

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# Background to requirement/OVERVIEW of requirement

## APHA Carmarthen has a busy post-mortem room that supports APHA’s surveillance and statutory activities. The post-mortem room must have suitable equipment to handle a wide range of animal species and the capacity to perform multiple post-mortems at once.

## Two post-mortem tables currently onsite have reached their end of life. The tables have begun to spin when in use. This has led to the tables being taken out of use. These two tables need to be replaced so that the Postmortem Room can work at full capacity.

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# definitions

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| Term, Expression or Acronym | Definition |
| “**APHA**” | Means Animal and Plant Health Agency. |
| The “**Authority**” | Means the Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, acting as part of the Crown. |
| “**Working Day**” | Means a day of the year that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday. |

# scope of requirement

## The Contractor is required to supply two stainless steel hydraulic post-mortem tables to the following specifications:

### Be constructed of stainless steel which conforms to the BS 316 standard, or an equivalent standard.

###  Must have a variable range of working heights of: Lowest point 80cm Highest point >96cm.

### Length of 170cm – 180cm

### width of 87cm – 97cm

### capable of holding an animal which is min of 150 kilograms in weight.

### Raised edge around table. The edge is to be 3 cm +/- 5 mm in height.

### Central channel leading to drain with fitted pipe and on off valve. Central channel to be 3cm +/- 5mm at deepest point. Diameter of drainage hole and pipe 5cm +/- 5mm.

### Hook on pipe capable of securely holding a waste bucket of at least 10 litres. Length of pipe long enough to reach bucket at full hight but not too long to get blocked.

### Lockable castors.

## Optimal hight / fail safe e.g., steel rod to prevent total collapse [– is this possible? What are our options?]

# The requirement

## Two hydraulic post-mortem tables as described in section 5 above.

## Delivery must be made before 31 March 2025 to the following address: APHA Carmarthen, Jobs Well Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3EZ. Delivery can take palce on any Working Day (i.e., not a bank holiday & Monday – Friday) anytime between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.

## The Contractor must provide at least two days’ notice prior to delivery by contacting the onsite contact Sean Madden whose contact information will be provided upon signature of a Contract.

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# quality

## As described in section 5 above, the tables must be made of steel which meets BS 316 or an equivalent standard.

## The Contractor must provide a test certificate demonstrating the minimum weight loading of 150kg can be satisfied.

# additional information

## N/A