

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

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1. PURPOSE

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

2. BACKGROUND TO THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

- 2.1 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).
- 2.2 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).

3. BACKGROUND TO REQUIREMENT/OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENT

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.

4. DEFINITIONS

Term	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

5. SCOPE OF REQUIREMENT

- 5.1 The Contractor is required to supply two stainless steel hydraulic post-mortem tables to the following specifications:
- 5.1.1 Be constructed of stainless steel which conforms to the BS 316 standard, or an equivalent standard.
- 5.1.2 The postmortem room tables will be in a wet environment and subjected to disinfection with corrosive disinfectants daily. For example, Virkon S, Interkokask and Sodium Hypochlorite.

- 5.1.3 Must have a variable range of working heights of: Lowest point 80cm Highest point >96cm.
 - 5.1.4 Length of 170cm – 180cm.
 - 5.1.5 Width of 87cm – 97cm.
 - 5.1.6 Capable of holding an animal which is a minimum of 150 kilograms in weight and capable of holding up to a maximum of 400 Kg.
 - 5.1.7 Raised edge around table. The edge is to be 3 cm +/- 5 mm in height.
 - 5.1.8 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.
 - 5.1.9 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 height but not too long to get blocked.
 - 5.1.10 Lockable castors.
 - 5.1.11 Design to include a failsafe to prevent total collapse.
- 5.2 The Contractor must provide a minimum of one years warranty for the tables. During this time the Contractor must, at the Contractor's sole cost and in a reasonable timeframe, correct any defects or issues identified during the warranty period.

6. THE REQUIREMENT

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

Delivery

- 6.2 Delivery must be made before 31 March 2025 to the following address: APHA Carmarthen, Jobs Well Road, Carmarthen, SA31 3EZ. Delivery can take place on any Working Day (i.e., not a bank holiday & Monday – Friday) anytime between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.
- 6.3 The Contractor must provide at least two days' notice prior to delivery by contacting the onsite contact, whose contact information will be provided upon signature of a Contract.
- 6.4 Delivery shall be made under Delivered Duty Paid incoterm and the Contractor shall be responsible for all costs under this incoterm.

Training

- 6.5 The Contractor must provide training and manuals within one week of delivery taking place.

Cost

- 6.6 The cost of both tables must be less than £40,000 + VAT.

7. QUALITY

- 7.1 As described in section 5 above, the tables must be made of steel which meets BS 316 or an equivalent standard.
- 7.2 The Contractor must provide a test certificate demonstrating the minimum weight loading of 150kg can be satisfied.

8. KPIS

8.1 The following Key Performance Indicators (“**KPIs**”) will be used to monitor and ensure the Contractors performance.

Ref	Description	Measure	Target
KPI 1: Delivery	The equipment is to be delivered by the date specified in the Specification.	Delivery against agreed timescales	100%
KPI 2: Quality	The equipment is accepted as suitable by APHA and performs to agreed specification.	The equipment meets the required standards as stated in the Specification of Requirements.	100%