

Kromek wins £4.9m Government deal for biological threat detection systems

Detection tech innovator Kromek has landed a UK Government contract worth £4.9m to create systems that identify biological threats.

The County Durham-based firm said it will start work next month on the three-year programme that comes with the possibility of extended maintenance services after that period. In a brief update to investors offering few details of the contract, Kromek said the deal would see it develop and supply the systems which could identify infectious diseases.

It comes hot on the heels of a [separate contract](#) with a repeat customer in the US for its wearable 'dirty bomb' detectors. Kromek's D3M personal radiation detector is designed to guard against the threat of nuclear terrorism and the illicit movement of nuclear materials.

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Arnab Basu, CEO of Kromek Group, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded this contract to develop and supply an important capability for biological threat detection. The pandemic has demonstrated the impact of biological incidents – whether it is through an act of terror or naturally emerging threats.

"Governments throughout the world are reviewing their strategies to update their defence against such threats. We believe technologies that can provide information about emerging threats in near real time will be a critical component of such strategies."

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