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Contract

T1023 - Understanding Society Wave 16: Blood Sample Analysis

University of Essex

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-000500

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0402c7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

University of Essex

Wivenhoe Park

Colchester

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Contact

Nigel Hopgood

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.essex.ac.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

T1023 - Understanding Society Wave 16: Blood Sample Analysis

Reference number

DN1547

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Understanding Society: the UK Household Longitudinal Study (UKHLS) is a longitudinal social survey of households and individuals living in the UK. For Understanding Society, data collection began in January 2009 and participants are interviewed annually. In the second and third waves (2010-12) a wide range of objective health measures were collected by a nurse, including venous blood samples from which we produced a range of analytes, extracted DNA and produced genetic and epigenetic data. This data has been extensively used by the public health and social science research communities. This contract covers a wave of bio-data collection at Wave 16 (2024-26), with the emphasis being on participants collecting samples/measurements themselves. The survey is designed and managed by the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex.

At Wave 16 of Understanding Society (2024-2026) we are planning to collect a range of

biomarkers. This includes asking participants for their permission to send them a kit to enable them to collect a capillary blood sample and return it to a laboratory for analysis, with some results being fed-back to participants (HDL, HbA1c, Total Cholesterol), others provided to the research community and blood stored for future use.

Collection of the capillary blood sample should enable measurement of analytes that overlap with those collected at Waves 2 and 3 from venous blood.

The successful contractor is responsible for kit fulfilment, sample analysis, reporting

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: £962,790

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 20

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

T1023

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 November 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Thriva Ltd

Classic House

London

EC1V 9BP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £962,790

Total value of the contract/lot: £962,790

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom