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Contract

Whole Genome Sequencing Services for E.coli Genomes

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037168

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

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Avril.Gordon@gov.scot

Telephone

+44 1224285172

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.foodstandards.gov.scot

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Whole Genome Sequencing Services for E.coli Genomes

Reference number

FSS/2022/024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Food Standards Scotland requires a Contractor to provide Whole Genome Sequencing services for E.coli genomes and other bacterial samples

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: £160,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) requires a Contractor to provide Whole Genome Sequencing of E. coli genomes gathered from samples across Scotland with minimum 30X Illumina (100-250nt min) coverage.

The sequenced genomes will be used as part of the Work Stream 1 PATHSAFE programme. FSS requires a minimum of 2500 samples to be sequenced during the Initial Contract Period, though actual volumes may be much higher, with current estimates for 3000 samples to be sequenced by the Contractor by the end of October 2023. Samples will be provided to the Contractor in multiple batches of samples rather than a single large order. There may also be a requirement for Whole Genome Sequencing of other bacterial species.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

FSS/2022/024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Microbial Genomics Ltd / (Trading as) MicrobesNG

Units 1-2, First Floor, The BioHub, Birmingham Research Park, 97 Vincent Drive

Birmingham

B15 2SQ

Telephone

+44 1212951907

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £160,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The commitment has been made by the contractor, as part of a package of Fair Work Practice, to pay all staff involved with the delivery of this contract at least the rate of the Real Living Wage, the rate set independently and updated annually by the Living Wage Foundation.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom