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Contract

e-PCR Machines and Reagents

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-028bf1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

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Email

Procurement.Operations@dhsc.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

e-PCR Machines and Reagents

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Nexar platforms and associated consumables to determine the presence or absence of SARS CoV-2 via End Point-PCR from saliva samples. Includes maintenance, support and training associated with the Goods.

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: £117,928,510

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38434500 - Biochemical analysers
- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Nexar platforms and associated consumables to determine the presence or absence of SARS CoV-2 via End Point-PCR from saliva samples. Includes maintenance, support and training associated with the Goods.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Following an earlier contract award to LGC on 23 August 2020 for an initial purchase of Nexar platforms, the machines have now successfully passed the required testing and validations. Since the August contract award, there is a requirement for further Nexar platforms (and associated consumables) to be deployed into Mega Labs that are being established to meet national COVID-19 testing targets. DHSC considers that the required deliverables can be supplied only by LGC because the competition is absent for technical reasons, no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement. In particular, DHSC considers that there are no other suppliers in the market who are able to offer equipment (which is only available as part of a package including associated consumables) with the potential to achieve the ultra-high levels of testing offered by LGC's Nexar instruments. DHSC has therefore proceeded with the award of the contract to LGC for the supply further Nexar machines and associated consumables using the negotiated procedure without prior publication, pursuant to Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 for the purpose of enabling a step-change in COVID-19 testing capacity at the UK Biocentre in Milton Keynes and the upcoming Mega Labs. Within the contract there is an option for additional Nexar platforms, and optional consumables to be called-off as required by DHSC.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 December 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

LGC Genomics Ltd

Queens Road, Teddington,

Middlesex

TW11 0LY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

National registration number

07686158

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £117,928,510

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>