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Contract

## **Provision of Tasso SST M20 kits and Adapters**

Public Health England

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Tasso SST M20 kits and Adapters

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33141300 - Venepuncture, blood sampling devices

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Government must protect the health and well-being of UK citizens. The COVID-19 outbreak is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) as declared by the World Health Organisation on 30 Jan 2020. The WHO Director General characterised COVID-19 as a pandemic on 11 Mar 2020.

PHE discharges its duties as a Category 1 Responder to emergencies on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health within the scope of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA 2004).

This requirement is in response to the recent COVID -19 outbreak. PHE has awarded a contract to Tasso Incorporation for the supply of M20 kits and adapters due to extreme urgency under current public procurement regulations using regulation 32(2)(c).

#### **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: 250,000 USN

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

PHE is conducting a range of sero-surveillance activities for COVID-19. PHE has been requested as an urgent priority to estimate the proportion of university students that have antibodies given the outbreaks experienced in some sites. This valuable information will allow us to understand the extent of spread in university settings, the risk of future outbreaks and will inform outbreak management in 2021.

## **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

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## **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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The Government must protect the health and well-being of UK citizens. The COVID-19 outbreak is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) as declared by the World Health Organisation on 30 Jan 2020. The WHO Director General characterised COVID-19 as a pandemic on 11 Mar 2020.

PHE discharges its duties as a Category 1 Responder to emergencies on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health within the scope of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA 2004). This urgent requirement is in response to the recent COVID -19 outbreak. A direct award has been made due to extreme urgency under current public procurement regulations using regulation 32(2)(c) for the purpose of procuring various bespoke COVID-19 kits for COVID-19 surveillance studies which the Immunisation and Countermeasures department has been instructed to undertake by PHE and DHSC.

The kits will be used for public health surveillance studies in educational settings.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **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**

19 November 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**

Tasso Incorporation

UK

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 250,000 USN

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Health England

London

Country

United Kingdom