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Contract

Provision of RealStar® PCR kits

Public Health England

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of RealStar® PCR kits

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Public Health England (PHE) has awarded a contract to Altona Diagnostics for the supply of RealStar® PCR kits urgently needed to support COVID-19 testing work.

PHE discharges its duties as a Category 1 Responder to emergencies on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care within the scope of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA 2004). This urgent requirement is in response to the recent COVID -19 outbreak.

The negotiated procedure without a prior publication has been used due to extreme urgency on the grounds of regulation 32(2)(c) as the purchase of RealStar® PCR kits will

increase testing capacity for Covid 19 activities.

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: £2,700,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract with Altona Diagnostics is to cover the provision of goods which has been delivered to PHE from the start of the COVID pandemic and covers the use across multiple PHE locations and laboratories

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The term may be extended by a further 12 months if required

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

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 these PCR test kits to support our laboratories in their studies and response.

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

4 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

Altona Diagnostics UK Ltd

No. 1 St Paul's Square,

Liverpool,

L3 9SJ

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: £2,700,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

The High Court , Strand, Holborn

London

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Country

United Kingdom