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Contract

## **PCR Testing Services**

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029042

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

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

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

#### **Email**

[Procurement.Operations@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto: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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

PCR Testing Services

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

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

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

Services

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

Urgent requirement to develop volume for PCR testing for COVID in line with test and trace requirements

#### **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: £7,610,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Urgent requirement to develop volume for PCR testing for COVID in line with test and trace requirements

### **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:

Negotiated procedure without prior publication<sup>1</sup>. The COVID-19 outbreak is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern as declared by the World Health Organisation on 30 January 2020. The WHO Director General characterised COVID-19 as a pandemic on 11 March 2020.<sup>2</sup> A key element of ensuring an effective response to the pandemic is ensuring that there is adequate testing. Therefore, the scaling up of laboratory capacity is critical to this response. This contract supports the national testing programme, in particular Pillar 2. 3. DHSC is satisfied the tests permitting use of the Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(c)) are met:<sup>A</sup> As far as is strictly necessary: the provision of laboratory services to provide Covid-19 detection testing to support the UK response to Covid-19 was identified as strictly necessary to meet the demand to scale up the testing programme in the UK.<sup>B</sup> There are genuine reasons for extreme urgency: It is responding to COVID-19 immediately because of public health risks presenting a genuine emergency.<sup>C</sup> The events that have led to the need for extreme urgency were unforeseeable: The Commission itself confirmed: “The current coronavirus crisis presents an extreme and unforeseeable urgency – precisely for such a situation our European rules enable public buyers to buy within a matter of days, even hours, if necessary.” (Commissioner Breton, Internal Market, 01.04.2020).<sup>D</sup> It is impossible to comply with the usual timescales in the PCR: Due to the urgency of the situation there was no time to run an accelerated procurement under the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation as there was an urgent requirement to ensure provision of laboratory services in response to the pandemic. <sup>E</sup> The situation is not attributable to the contracting authority – DHSC has not done anything to cause or contribute to the need for extreme urgency

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

11 January 2021

### **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**

Source Bioscience Limited

1 Orchard Place, Nottingham Business

Nottingham

NG8 6PX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

National registration number

00079136

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: £7,610,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,610,000

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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>