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Contract

REACT 1 - Round 1 Lab testing (Swabs, viles, biohazard bags and PCL analysis)

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029117

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Health and Social Care

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

REACT 1 - Round 1 Lab testing (Swabs, viles, biohazard bags and PCL analysis)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Tests conducted using RT-PCR against known regions on the SARS-CoV-2 Virus RNA

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: £8,800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tests conducted using RT-PCR against known regions on the SARS-CoV-2 Virus RNA

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority and in accordance with the strict conditions stated in the directive

Explanation:

1) 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.

2) A key element of ensuring an effective response to the pandemic is ensuring that there is adequate testing. Therefore, ensuring effective warehousing, assembly and transport of testing kits and associated consumables is critical to the testing value chain.

3) DHSC is satisfied the tests permitting use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(c)) are met:

A. As far as is strictly necessary: the (services) were identified as strictly necessary to meet the demand to scale up the testing programme in the UK.

B. There are genuine reasons for extreme urgency: It is responding to Covid-19 immediately because of public health risks presenting a genuine emergency.

C. 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, 1 April 2020).

D. It is impossible to comply with the usual timescales in the PCR: It is not possible to comply with the timescales of another procedure due to the urgent requirement to ensure the services required are met.

E. 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: No

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

18 May 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Eurofins Bionmis UK Limited

154 Business Park

Wolverhampton

WV9 5GB

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)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £8,800,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,800,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Department of Health and Social Care

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