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Contract

## **Supply of Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers for the Care of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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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**

Supply of Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers for the Care of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 35113410 - Garments for biological or chemical protection

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Department of Health and Social Care [the 'Authority'] has awarded a contract to Vital Innovations for the supply of Personal Protective Equipment Surgical Masks to protect Health and Care Workers for contracting the Covid 19 disease.

**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: 11,539,500 USD

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

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### **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:

1. The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a serious infectious respiratory disease and its

consequences pose a risk to life. The COVID-19 outbreak is a Public Health Emergency of International Concerns 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, by this stage Europe was the centre of the pandemic.<sup>2</sup> The use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is critical in safeguarding the health and lives of the care professionals treating patients with COVID-19. Delays in procuring the PPE, poses a risk to life of those on the front line and the likelihood of significantly increased death toll. 3. In March the NHS experienced severe shortages of PPE, modelling based the trajectory of other European countries forecast the need for significant and extremely rapid increase in the UK PPE capacity. Similar shortfalls in PPE stocks were identified globally. There was immense demand for PPE, requiring the UK government to actively seek and create new supply chains rapidly to meet that demand. In these circumstances, a procurement following the usual timescales under the PCR 2015, including accelerated options, was impossible. PPE manufacturers and supply chains were under immediate and unprecedented global pressure to provide products. A delay in engaging with the market by running a usual procurement process ran the risk of failing to acquire the necessary stock of PPE equipment and presenting a significant risk to life. The Department is content the tests permitting use of the Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(c)) are met: 1 The purchasing of PPE was identified as strictly necessary to meet anticipated demand.<sup>2</sup> It is responding to COVID-19 immediately because of public health risks presenting a genuine emergency. 3 The events that 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.”<sup>4</sup> 4 There was no time to run an accelerated procurement under the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation that would secure products within the required timescales. 5 The situation is not attributable to the contracting authority: It 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**

22 June 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**

Vital Innovation Limited

28 Church Road, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 4XR

Stanmore

HA7 4XR

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)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 11,539,500 USD

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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>