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Contract

Fortress Diagnostics COVID-19 Antibody Test Kits

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029280

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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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fortress Diagnostics COVID-19 Antibody Test Kits

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Lateral Flow Devices for Covid-19 Testing

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: £750,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Lateral Flow Devices for Covid-19 Testing

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication. 1. On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared a COVID-19 pandemic with the associated serious risk posed to life. 2. As part of those arrangements, it needs to acquire product in order to implement the large-scale antibody testing programme necessary to build a profile of the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent further loss of human life, to allow the population to return to work safely. Relevant to its procurement strategy is the efficient use of the capacity of the test instruments it already has installed at laboratories throughout the UK.3. DHSC is satisfied the tests permitting use of the Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii)) are met:A. The works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator as competition is absent for technical reasons: Fortress device is the only approved device and Una Health is the UK Exclusive distributor.B. No reasonable alternative or substitute exists – The Fortress device is the only lateral flow antibody device approved for use outside a clinical setting by the MHRA.

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

12 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

Una Health Limited

Unit 3 Scotia Road Business Park, Stoke-On-Trent, England

Stoke-On-Trent

ST6 4HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

National registration number

6947754

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: £750,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

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>