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## **Mass Testing with Lateral Flow Antigen Testing Devices - Employer Spoke**

Birmingham City Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**NUTS code**

UKG - WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

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Buyer's address

[www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc](http://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Mass Testing with Lateral Flow Antigen Testing Devices - Employer Spoke

Reference number

PQ0265

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71632000 - Technical testing services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

The nature of this pandemic and the pace of the interventions required has led the Council to develop a hub and spoke model across Birmingham for delivery of rapid result testing in a targeted and scaled way to contain the spread of the virus and reduce transmission in higher risk population groups.

The aim of this critical service is to capture data about levels of asymptomatic infection in target areas of Birmingham to reduce infection rates and particularly avoid further spread to vulnerable citizens who may develop a serious infection.

This contract will specifically enable Royal Mail Group Limited to test their Birmingham based employees throughout their operational shift patterns.

#### **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: £252,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71632000 - Technical testing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Provision of a lateral flow device testing service in a workplace.

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The option to extend the initial contract period of 4 weeks for a further period of up to 8 weeks subject to an ongoing need; budget availability and satisfactory performance.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Birmingham City Council has activated its Business Continuity and Emergency Plans in response to the Coronavirus outbreak by applying Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 in response to the Coronavirus outbreak in order to support the urgent issuing of lateral flow device testing kits to the service provider. This urgent award enables a contract to be executed to carry out the Council's Public Health duty and avoid further spread of COVID-19 in the local population.

Explanation:

Under 32(2) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:-

(b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:-

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons,

but only, in the case of paragraphs (ii) and (iii), where no reasonable alternative or substitute exists and the absence of competition is not the result of an artificial narrowing down of the parameters of the procurement.

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

8 February 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Royal Mail Group Limited

100 Victoria Embankment

London

EC4Y0HQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - LONDON

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £252,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

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