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Award

Mass Testing with Lateral Flow Antigen Testing Devices - Pharmacy Spokes

Birmingham City Council

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029533

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

www.finditinbirmingham.com

Buyer's address

www.in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamcc

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Mass Testing with Lateral Flow Antigen Testing Devices - Pharmacy Spokes

Reference number

PQ0262

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 eligible residents to access testing locally through GP Practices.

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: £2,290,650

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

To appoint a contractor to engage and onboard pharmacies across Birmingham to provide lateral flow device testing services. The main cost of the contract is the pharmacies providing the testing services on an agreed cost per test.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The option to extend the initial contract period of 7 weeks for a further period of up to 7 weeks subject to an ongoing need; budget availability and satisfactory performance.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Birmingham City Council has activated its Business Continuity and Emergency Plans by applying regulation 32(2)(c) and regulation 72 (1) 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. This is a retrospective notice due to the urgency of the requirement and necessity to secure services.

Explanation:

Under PCR Regulation 32(2)(c) (Direct award due to reasons of extreme urgency) sets out:

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:

(c) insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with. The circumstances invoked to justify extreme urgency must not in any event be attributable to the contracting authority.

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 January 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

Central Health Solutions Limited

Suite 40 Beacon Buildings, Leighswood Road, Aldridge

Walsall

WS9 8AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,290,650

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

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