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Award

Community Testing Programme

Bath and North East Somerset Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029832

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Community Testing Programme

Reference number

DN529176

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £345,810 / Highest offer: £931,285 taken into consideration

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.2.11) 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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

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

Explanation:

The contract will be directly awarded based on guidance issued by the Cabinet Office (PPN 01/20) permitting the use of regulation 32(2)(c) under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 as incorporated in the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 because of the urgency of the requirement, and that the conditions of the funding from DHSC do not allow enough time for contracts to be tendered.

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

5 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

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

National registration number

03231614

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £345,810 / Highest offer: £931,285 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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