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Contract

## **Provision of Testing Services and Sample Analysis as part of the National Immunisation Programme Study**

Public Health England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029b7d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Public Health England

Manor Farm Road, Porton Down

Salisbury

SP2 0QT

#### **Email**

[tee.agbo@phe.gov.uk](mailto:tee.agbo@phe.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

## **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**

Provision of Testing Services and Sample Analysis as part of the National Immunisation Programme Study

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

PHE has been tasked by DHSC to urgently undertake a study to evaluate the immune response following COVID-19 vaccines as part of the National Immunisation Programme. This has been identified as a high national public health priority and a key aspect of this study requires taking 2000 samples for cellular work over a 24-month period. The UK Vaccines Taskforce have selected Oxford Immunotec as the sole supplier of T cell Testing for SARS-CoV-2 specific responses as part of the new COVID vaccine trials. Aligning PHE's study with this decision will ensure that it is consistent with the other vaccine studies performed within the UK, providing for comprehensive comparison and analysis to be carried out across all the

different studies.

#### **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: £240,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Oxford Immunotec will provide testing services and sample analysis to assist PHE in its evaluation of immune responses following COVID-19 vaccines used in the National Immunisation Programme.

#### **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

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

Explanation:

The justification to source these services from Oxford Immunotec is to enable PHE to adhere with the decision made by the UK Vaccines Taskforce who selected Oxford Immunotec as the sole supplier of T cell Testing for SARS-CoV-2 specific responses as part of the new COVID vaccine trials. Oxford Immunotec was chosen as a result of the competitive process for its expertise in T cell measurement and its unique ability to provide T-SPOT® technology, the only globally regulated ELISPOT platform - which is currently being used clinically for identifying T cells made in response to another respiratory pathogen responsible for Tuberculosis.

Aligning with this verdict will ensure that the National Immunisation Programme being carried out by PHE is consistent with the other vaccine studies performed within the UK, providing for comprehensive comparison and analysis to be carried out across all the different studies. The Vaccines Taskforce has emphasised that it is important to be able to assess the different vaccines head-to-head and employing Oxford Immunotec's T-SPOT technology will measure the magnitude of the SARS-CoV-2 protein-specific T cell response of different vaccine candidates for cross-comparisons.

#### 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**

9 February 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**

Oxford Immunotec Ltd

94C Innovation Drive

Abingdon

OX14 4RZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £240,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom