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Contract

De-risking the UK's antibiotic supply chain 2026

Department of Health & Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

De-risking the UK's antibiotic supply chain 2026

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Delivery of research and insight into the UK's antibiotic supply chain with a final report. The report will provide insight into antibiotic supply chains, with particular attention to

vulnerabilities arising from concentrated production in high dependency countries

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: £80,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Delivery of research and insight into the UK's antibiotic supply chain with a final report. The report will provide insight into antibiotic supply chains, with particular attention to vulnerabilities arising from concentrated production in high dependency countries.

The contract initial term will end on 31/03/2026 however, there is an option to extend for a further period or periods up to 3 months.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The tenders were evaluation on 100% quality follow by a price per quality point assessment.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The contract was awarded following a mini-competition under the Research and Insight DPS, with all bidding suppliers meeting relevant criteria.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

21 January 2026

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RAND Europe

Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road

Cambridge

CB2 8BF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

National registration number

02728021

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: £80,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £80,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom