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Awarded contract

Supply of testing for SARS-CoV-2 antibody and PCR testing

NHS Blood & Transplant

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of testing for SARS-CoV-2 antibody and PCR testing

Reference number

NHSBT1386

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) are leading the Convalescent Plasma programme to explore the efficacy of donated plasma in the treatment of severe COVID-19 disease. Plasma will be donated by individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 disease and those plasma units with a sufficiently high level of antibody will be used as a treatment. Public Health

England (PHE) will be carrying out Testing on the Materials on behalf of NHSBT. This will involve:

- A SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody Testing service to NHSBT to enable the identification of convalescent plasma donations with sufficient level of antibody.
- A SARS-CoV-2 PCR and RNA Testing service to NHSBT to support the Convalescent Plasma programme of work at NHSBT.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

End date

31 March 2021

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

NHSBT1386

Title

Supply of testing for SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

16 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Public Health England

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £275,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Blood and Transplant

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) are leading the Convalescent Plasma programme to explore the efficacy of donated plasma in the treatment of severe COVID-19 disease. Plasma will be donated by individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 disease and those plasma units with a sufficiently high level of antibody will be used as a treatment. Public Health England (PHE) will be carrying out Testing on the Materials on behalf of NHSBT. This will involve a SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody Testing service (using a CE-marked assay) to NHSBT to enable the identification of convalescent plasma donations with sufficient level of antibody.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

End date

31 March 2022

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£105,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Public Health England

Salisbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Duration extended from 31st March 2021 to 31st March 2022 to allow for testing of c. 7000 research samples from the RECOVERY clinical trial.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of

cost preventing a change of contractor:

The Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory (RIPL) based at PHE Porton (Sailsbury), providing the SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody testing service, have experience in handling samples from NHSBT meeting all criteria specified in section 4.1 of the Project Schedule (dated 3rd March 2021). It is the only facility of its type within the UK that has the expertise to perform a quantitative test for SARS-CoV-2 IgG with a linear correlation with neutralising antibody over a very wide range of titres at the scale and speed required to meet the time pressures associated with the convalescent plasma programme.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £275,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £380,000