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Contract

## **Implementation and Support Services Agreement for the COVID-19 Population Risk Assessment**

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029c94

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

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

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

[sachin.joshi@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:sachin.joshi@dhsc.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Implementation and Support Services Agreement for the COVID-19 Population Risk Assessment

Reference number

C23431

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

- 72261000 - Software support services

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

Services

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

Implementation and Support Services for the QCovid® model which is embedded and incorporated in a service provided by NHS Digital and also for wider related use cases.

#### **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: £157,248

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - LONDON

Main site or place of performance

England

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

In May 2020 a project to stratify the public based on their risk from COVID-19 was commissioned from NERVTAG (New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group) by the office of the Chief Medical Officer for England. NERVTAG established the parameters and brought together an academic team to add to their own expertise. This team was led by Oxford University Innovation Ltd. The title of the research project was “Development and evaluation of a tool for predicting risk of short-term adverse outcomes due to COVID-19 in the general UK population” and as part of this Oxford University Innovation Ltd developed the QCovid® model. The Grant award was published at the following link

<https://fundingawards.nihr.ac.uk/award/COVID-19-Risk%20Prediction%20ToolOxford>

University Innovation Ltd were the owners of the Intellectual Property Rights for the QCovid® model, created following the Grant Award above. This contract could only be awarded to Oxford University (Oxford University Innovation Limited) as they hold the IPR. The initial scope of the contract is for support services to cover England only, but with the expectation that this will be extended to cover devolved authorities and crown dependencies in future.

## **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:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

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#### 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**

5 February 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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: 0

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Oxford University Innovation

Buxton Court, 3 West Way, Oxford OX2 0JB

Oxford

OX2 0JB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

National registration number

02199542

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: £157,248

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>