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Contract

Supply of Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers for the Care of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Health and Social Care

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Email

procurement.operations@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

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Workers for the Care of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 35113410 - Garments for biological or chemical protection

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Health and Social Care [the 'Authority'] has awarded a contract for the supply of Personal Protective Equipment, face masks, to protect Health and Care Workers for contracting the Covid 19 disease.

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: £4,152,500

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 35113410 - Garments for biological or chemical protection

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department of Health and Social Care [the 'Authority'] has awarded a contract for the supply of Personal Protective Equipment, face masks, to protect Health and Care Workers for contracting the Covid 19 disease.

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

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

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

Explanation:

1. The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a serious infectious respiratory disease and its consequences pose a risk to life. The COVID-19 outbreak is a Public Health Emergency of International Concerns as declared by the World Health Organisation on 30 January 2020. The WHO Director General characterised COVID-19 as a pandemic on 11 March 2020, by this stage Europe was the centre of the pandemic.

2. The use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is critical in safeguarding the health and lives of the care professionals treating patients with COVID-19. Delays in procuring the PPE, poses a risk to life of those on the front line and the likelihood of significantly increased death toll.

3. In March the NHS experienced severe shortages of PPE, modelling based the trajectory of other European countries forecast the need for significant and extremely rapid increase in the UK PPE capacity. Similar shortfalls in PPE stocks were identified globally. There was immense demand for PPE, requiring the UK government to actively seek and create new supply chains rapidly to meet that demand. In these circumstances, a procurement following the usual timescales under the PCR 2015, including accelerated options, was impossible. PPE manufacturers and supply chains were under immediate and unprecedented global pressure to provide products. A delay in engaging with the market by running a usual procurement process ran the risk of failing to acquire the necessary stock of PPE equipment and presenting a significant risk to life. The Department is content the tests permitting use of the Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(c)) are met:

- 1 The purchasing of PPE was identified as strictly necessary to meet anticipated demand.
- 2 It is responding to COVID-19 immediately because of public health risks presenting a genuine emergency.
- 3 The events that led to the need for extreme urgency were unforeseeable: The Commission itself confirmed: "The current coronavirus crisis presents an extreme and unforeseeable urgency – precisely for such a situation our European rules enable public buyers to buy within a matter of days, even hours, if necessary."
- 4 There was no time to run an accelerated procurement under the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation that would secure products within the required timescales.
- 5 The situation is not attributable to the contracting authority: It has not done anything to cause or contribute to the need for extreme urgency"

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 July 2020

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

Opalion Plastics Limited

Unit 1, Ashville Trading Estate, Royston Road

Baldock, Hedfordshire

SG7 6NN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

National registration number

01574983

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: £4,152,500

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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London

WC2A 2LL

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Country

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