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Award

OraSure, OraQuick Hepatitis C antibody, Point of Care Test

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

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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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Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

OraSure, OraQuick Hepatitis C antibody, Point of Care Test

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38912000 - Automated swab test kits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

OraSure, OraQuick Hepatitis C antibody, Point of Care test

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: £180,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

OraQuick HCV test detects antibodies against hepatitis C virus and can be used on oral fluid, finger stick blood, venous blood, plasma or serum, giving results in 20–40 minutes. Eleven published studies showed that the OraQuick HCV has very high sensitivity and specificity

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The OraQuick HCV test detects antibodies against hepatitis C virus and can be used on oral fluid, finger stick blood, venous blood, plasma or serum, giving results in 20–40 minutes. Eleven published studies showed that the OraQuick HCV has very high sensitivity and specificity.

There are no alternative suppliers who have the CE marked technology for the OraQuick HCV rapid antibody test.

As such, there are no identified alternative suppliers who can complete all of the following elements as one test:

- The OraQuick HCV rapid antibody test plus absorbent packet
- An OraQuick HCV developer solution (0.75ml phosphate buffered saline solution containing polymers and a antimicrobial agent)
- Reusable test stands
- Collection loops
- Package insert
- Rapid HCV results ready in 20-40 minutes
- The OraQuick HCV test comes with quality control reagents include:
 - When each new operator is using the kit
 - Whenever a new test it lot is opened
 - Whenever the kit storage area falls outside of 2C-30C
 - Whenever the kit testing area fall outside of 15C-37C

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 March 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £180,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

1. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award the contract in whole, in part or annul the tendering process and not award any contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Public Health Wales NHS Trust will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract.

Unsuccessful tenderers and applicants are entitled to receive reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons

why the tenderer/applicant was unsuccessful.

Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.1.

Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any such action is subject to strict time limits in accordance with the Public Contracts (Amendments) Regulations 2015