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Contract

Community Testing: Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

Cornwall Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Community Testing: Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

Reference number

DN528256

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Urgent Covid-19 response requirement for Community Testing to conduct Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing services at a number of testing centres across Cornwall in order to allow businesses to book LFD tests for their employees.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £350,000 / Highest offer: £602,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Urgent Covid-19 response requirement for Community Testing to conduct Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing services at a number of testing centres across Cornwall in order to allow businesses to book LFD tests for their employees.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: LFD Testing / Weighting: 100

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. There are genuine reasons for treating this contract with extreme urgency.

The Government asked local authorities to provide a testing service for people who have to go to work during the current lockdown.

2. The events that have led to the need for extreme urgency were unforeseeable.

The need for large scale LFD testing could not have been predicted as it relates mainly to the increased infectivity of the new variant of coronavirus.

3. It is impossible to comply with the usual timescales in the PCRs. The Council could

conduct an accelerated procurement under the open procedure (15 days).

Standard procedure with accelerated timescales of 15 days could have a significant impact on covid transmission and also business continuity at this difficult phase in the pandemic. The programme is due to run until 31st March (but may be extended). Therefore 15 days is a significant proportion of the programme timescale.

4. The situation is not attributable to the contracting authority..

Previously community testing (known as DPH led testing) was only available to LAs in Tier 3 and above restriction levels so not available to Cornwall. Most learning has come from urban models such as Liverpool. Therefore, we have no local experience and very little experience from rural areas to draw on.

Since the announcement on 10th January we have been developing a workplace based model that will be run using Council staff working with local businesses to set up their own programme. This is because the need to travel to a community testing site twice weekly for testing will be considerable barrier to taking part in this scheme for many workers in our rural county. It was previously proposed that home based testing would be authorised by MHRA and previous communication from DHSC suggested this may be from 18th January. On this basis we also worked up a home testing proposal with Devon and Cornwall Police but we have now been informed that home based testing will not be authorised for this programme.

On January 18th the Government announced asymptomatic testing for primary schools and nurseries. On January 21st it was confirmed that private, voluntary and independent providers would not be included and there was an expectation that these settings and childminders would be covered by LA community testing programmes. At this point the delivery model had to be revised to include some community testing sites as workplace based testing could not cover this cohort.

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

Contract No

DN528256

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 March 2021

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

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St Austell

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

National registration number

12299846

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £350,000 / Highest offer: £602,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Cornwall Council

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