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Contract

Genomics Training Assessment and Competence Tool (GTACTION)

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Genomics Training Assessment and Competence Tool (GTACT)

Reference number

C73203

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212931 - Training software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The development, and production of new training and competency assessment modules on the Genomics Training Assessment and Competence Tool (GTACT).

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: £551,994

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

Main site or place of performance

27 North Bridge Street, Hawick, Scottish Borders, TD9 9BD

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The development, and production of new training and competency assessment modules on the Genomics Training Assessment and Competence Tool (GTACT), to train and assess individuals in the use and administration of various tests for Covid-19.

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

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

Explanation:

As part of HMG's measures toward addressing the Covid-19 pandemic, the Authority sought to award a contract for the development and production of a training and competency assessment tool. The assessment tool would be used to train and assess individuals in the use and administration of various tests for Covid-19.

The Genomics Training Assessment & Competence Tool (GTACT) owned by GenQA Limited ("GenQA") was identified by NHS England Genomics Units who assessed the UKAS accredited supplier market, as being the only organisation with the breadth of expertise and experience, to develop the right competency tool to assess the administration of Covid-19 tests within the NHS and ensure that all necessary standards are met.

GenQA -UK NEQAS was found to be the only provider qualified and ISO17043 or equivalent accredited for the assessment of the administration of tests across DNA extraction EQA schemes and related molecular pathology schemes. No other single provider had staff with the technical ability to provide the assessment service across the full range of medical laboratory tests across spanning Haematology, Blood Coagulation, Immunophenotyping and Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics disciplines.

This award falls within Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations on the basis that Competition is absent for technical reasons.

Due to the urgent requirement GenQA started the work, without a contract in place, at the request of the Authority.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

21 March 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GENQA LTD

27 North Bridge Street Hawick

Roxburghshire

TD9 98D

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

National registration number

SC639731

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: £551,994

Lowest offer: £551,994 / Highest offer: £551,994 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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