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Contract

Lateral Flow Device Community Testing

Staffordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02be19

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Lateral Flow Device Community Testing

Reference number

IA2498

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85149000 - Pharmacy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Lateral Flow device Testing (LFT) is one of the tools being used to help us with the early detection of Covid-19 and to re-open society. Staffordshire County Councils approach is to continue to promote testing in the community using a variety of channels, in particular the use of Pharmacists, as trusted and respected healthcare professionals. The contracted provision here is for pharmacy delivery of LFT.

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: £640,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Main site or place of performance

Staffordshire / surrounding border-locked areas.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Award of an interim contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Find a Tender Service.

Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority and in accordance with the strict conditions stated in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Please refer to Annex D1 (General Procurement) for justification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Any extensions following this are subject to additional unforeseen circumstances linked to the pandemic.

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:

The original contract status appeared to be forecasting a much larger throughput of spend, as lateral flow tests are being administered alongside vaccinations to endorse the 'test to protect' approach.

Original forecasted test rates through the pharmacy scheme, were conservative based on assumptions of other local schemes and the range of other testing channels available to access testing. Therefore, the surge in demand through this testing channel was not anticipated at the levels experienced. The rise in demand has coincided with the rapid increase in the pace of vaccinations where testing is administered, along with the unexpected variants of concern and variants under investigation (Delta VOC and VUI). Combined, these unknown factors have meant accessing testing via trusted professional setting and alongside vaccination has generated larger throughput, and therefore spend, which was unforeseen.

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

IA2498

Title

Lateral Flow Device Community Testing

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 June 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

Central Health Solutions Ltd

Suite 40 Beacon Buildings

Aldridge

WS9 8AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG3 - West Midlands

Internet address

<https://www.1centralhealth.co.uk/contact>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £640,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Award of contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the Find a Tender Service.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract/framework agreement has not been

successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Any such action must be brought promptly. The Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or may order the Contracting Authority to amend any document and may award damages. If an agreement has been entered into the Court may make a declaration of ineffectiveness or may order that the duration of any relevant specific contract be shortened and additionally may award damages.