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Contract

## **Second Variation Agreement to the contract for the provision of goods and services to support the UK Covid-19 Testing Strategy**

Department of Health and Social Care

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02c202

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

#### **Email**

[Procurement.Operations@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto: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>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Second Variation Agreement to the contract for the provision of goods and services to support the UK Covid-19 Testing Strategy

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Labour and equipment to accommodate end point PCR - £1,179,565  
End point PCR running costs - £31.05m

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

25 March 2020

End date

14 June 2021

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2020/S 193-467935](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

C13789

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

7 January 2021

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

UK Biocentre Limited

Units 1 & 2, Spectrum Way Adswold, Stockport

Cheshire

SK3 0SA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07618653

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £82,000,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

[generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk](mailto:generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

[generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk](mailto:generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk)

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

Labour and equipment to accommodate end point PCR - £1,179,565  
End point PCR running costs - £31.05m

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

24 August 2020

End date

14 June 2021

### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£114,150,000

### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

UK Biocentre Limited

Units 1 & 2, Spectrum Way Adswold, Stockport

Cheshire

SK3 0SA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07618653

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Works and additional operational costs to facilitate the use of ultra-high throughput ePCR to support the National Testing Programme. Labour and equipment to accommodate end point PCR - £1,179,565 End point PCR running costs - £31.05m

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

The modifications were undertaken pursuant to Regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. As part of the national testing programme, new high throughput ePCR technology was required in order to meet national demand for testing services. Previous proof of concept activity undertaken by UK Biocentre in its Milton Keynes lab means that it had LGC machines already installed and existing experience of operation of ePCR. Moving the ePCR services to a new facility for a period which is potentially less than a year would cause significant inconvenience and/or substantial duplication of costs for DHSC. The increase in price from the modification does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £82,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £114,150,000