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Contract

Toxicology Analysis and Reports Service

Norfolk County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a41f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Norfolk County Council

County Hall, Martineau Lane

Norwich

NR1 2DH

Email

sourcingteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.norfolk.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>

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

Toxicology Analysis and Reports Service

Reference number

NCCT42161

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90743100 - Toxic substances monitoring services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Norfolk County Council has awarded a contract for toxicology analysis and reports service. The Norfolk Coroner jurisdiction covers a population of 920,000 and has approximately 3000 reported deaths a year. Under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (the 2009 Act), the Coroners (Investigation) Regulations 2013 and the Coroners (Inquest Rules) 2013, the Coroner is required to establish the cause of a person's death. If the cause of death is unknown, then the Coroner will instruct a pathologist to conduct an examination to establish the cause of death. As part of that examination the pathologist

may request that samples taken during examination are submitted for toxicological analysis. Norfolk County Council is responsible for meeting all costs of the service and for arranging a toxicology service to support the needs of the Senior Coroner.

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: £550,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90743100 - Toxic substances monitoring services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk
- UKH16 - North and West Norfolk
- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Toxicology Analysis and Reports Service

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

29 June 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Forensics Limited

Abingdon

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £350,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NPLAW

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Proceedings must be brought within 30 days from the date of knowledge (the date on which the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen) unless the Court considers that there is good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the Court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from the date of knowledge.