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Contract

## **Additional PCR Storage Kitting & Storage Capacity**

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department of Health and Social Care

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London

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#### **Email**

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#### **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>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Additional PCR Storage Kitting & Storage Capacity

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

- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

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

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Regulation 32(2)c award to DHL for additional PCR kitting capacity for an additional 100k per day kitting and increased storage capacity for a maximum period of 6 months. The additional capacity is required due to a range of factors that have led to a material increase in demand for PCR testing

### **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: £20,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **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

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## **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:

Negotiated Procedure Without Prior Publication OJEU Regulation 32 (2) c award to DHL for additional PCR kitting capacity for an additional 100k per day kitting and increased storage capacity for a maximum period of 6 months. The additional capacity is required due to a range of factors that have led to a material increase in demand for PCR testing: 1. Rise in symptomatic testing demand due to easing of lockdown measures 2. The spread of the Delta variant and resultant increases in positivity 3. Approved expansion of use cases, including ERP4. Anticipated expansion of eligible symptoms. DHSC is satisfied the tests permitting use of the Negotiated procedure without prior publication (Regulation 32(2)(c)) are met: a) As far as is strictly necessary: The recent lab expansion has created a significant delta between PCR kitting capacity and lab capacity. Current contracted kitting capacity is 375k kits per day, representing a ~435k per day shortfall against capacity required. The Authority plan to secure the additional 435k capacity through contracting 100k via this contract (previous kitting partner), then the remaining volume across specialist packing suppliers b) There are genuine reasons for extreme urgency: The high transmissibility of the Delta variant and the easing of lockdown measures has led to a large increase in symptomatic testing in both Pillar 1 (swab testing in Public Health England labs and NHS hospitals) and Pillar 2 (swab testing for the wider population) laboratories. Positivity has now gone above 10%, a rate which has not been seen since early February 2021. c) The events that have led to the need for extreme urgency were unforeseeable: The Commission itself confirmed: "The current coronavirus crisis presents an extreme and unforeseeable urgency – precisely for such a situation our European rules enable public buyers to buy within a matter of days, even hours, if necessary." (Commissioner Breton, Internal Market, 01.04.2020). d) It is impossible to comply with the usual timescales in the PCR: An award under Regulation 32 (2) c was identified as the most suitable route to award and the quickest to implement in order to address the urgent shortfall in capacity and overcome present inventory constraints. The contracts would be for a maximum period of 6 months, which is the minimum timeframe that suppliers are willing to scale up operations.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

3 September 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

McGregor Cory Limited (DHL)

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

00525750

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: £20,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £20,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

Strand

London

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