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## **T1023 - Understanding Society Wave 16: Blood Sample Analysis**

University of Essex

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.essex.ac.uk](http://www.essex.ac.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

T1023 - Understanding Society Wave 16: Blood Sample Analysis

Reference number

DN1547

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

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

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

Services

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

Understanding Society: the UK Household Longitudinal Study (UKHLS) is a longitudinal social survey of households and individuals living in the UK. For Understanding Society, data collection began in January 2009 and participants are interviewed annually. In the second and third waves (2010-12) a wide range of objective health measures were collected by a nurse, including venous blood samples from which we produced a range of analytes, extracted DNA and produced genetic and epigenetic data. This data has been extensively used by the public health and social science research communities. This contract covers a wave of bio-data collection at Wave 16 (2024-26), with the emphasis being on participants collecting samples/measurements themselves. The survey is designed and managed by the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex.

At Wave 16 of Understanding Society (2024-2026) we are planning to collect a range of biomarkers. This includes asking participants for their permission to send them a kit to enable them to collect a capillary blood sample and return it to a laboratory for analysis, with some results being fed-back to participants (HDL, HbA1c, Total Cholesterol), others provided to the research community and blood stored for future use.

Collection of the capillary blood sample should enable measurement of analytes that overlap with those collected at Waves 2 and 3 from venous blood.

The successful contractor will be responsible for kit fulfilment, sample analysis, reporting, aliquoting and short term storage of blood samples.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

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

Start date

13 November 2023

End date

30 June 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

26 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

26 October 2023

Local time

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

High Court, Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom