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Contract

Molnupiravir (EIDD-2801/MK-4482) Supply Agreement for Pandemic Purposes

Department of Health and Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Molnupiravir (EIDD-2801/MK-4482) Supply Agreement for Pandemic Purposes

Reference number

C52111

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Vaccines have been shown to be highly effective in the fight against COVID-19, to date. However, there is a cohort of individuals who either cannot take the vaccine or for whom it is ineffective. There is therefore an urgent need to find an effective alternative. So far there are no primary care antiviral drugs that can be easily dispensed specifically to treat SARS-CoV-2 and prevent its transmission in the community. This agreement is for the procurement of 480,000 units of Molnupiravir (EIDD-2801/MK-4482). It is one of the first oral and direct-acting antiviral drugs globally and the first to receive regulatory approval and is part of the UK's multi-layered approach to COVID-19.

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: 1 USD

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement of Molnupiravir (EIDD-2801/MK-4482).

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Please see Annex D1 attached for more information.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 October 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

Merck Sharpe and Dohme (UK) Limited

120 Moorgate

London

EC2M 6UR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

00233687

Internet address

www.msd-uk.com

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: 1 USD

Lowest offer: 1 USD / Highest offer: 1 USD taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Information on contract value is being withheld due to commercial sensitivity under Regulation 50(6)(b) and (c) as the publication of the price may enable competitors to calculate cost per dose. This will (i) commercially prejudice the supplier in its ongoing negotiations with other national governments; (ii) commercially prejudice the contracting authority in its ongoing negotiations with other vendors and (iii) impact fair competition between vendors.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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London

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