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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02f5dc

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

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

Department of Health and Social Care

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#### **Contact**

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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

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## **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

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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

- 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

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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**

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](http://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

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## **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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