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Contract

## **Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions**

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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London

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Procurement Operations

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

**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**

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

- 65100000 - Water distribution and related services

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

Services

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

To provide wastewater sampling activities, within the region in which the Supplier operates.

#### **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: £200,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 65100000 - Water distribution and related services
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#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A contractual arrangement in place with Wessex Water Services Limited to ensure

UKHSA can have an immediate presence in critical areas of interest in the supplier regions of operations. This is to ensure UKSA has the ability to quickly responds to hotspots and new variants (including but not limited to COVID, MPX, Polio.

Environmental Monitoring for Health Protection (formerly known as the Wastewater Programme) collects wastewater samples for RNA testing and, in some cases, sequencing across a range of near source, network and treatment Centre locations.

The purpose of collecting these samples is to provide early warning of disease outbreaks, track the emergence of antimicrobial resistance and monitor the effectiveness of preventative measures. By testing wastewater samples, we can detect the presence of human pathogens, viruses, and bacteria in the wastewater. This helps us monitor the population's health and allows us to take action to prevent the spread of disease.

This is a zero-commitment contract with a maximum value of £200,000. A statement of work shall be issued when required to conduct sampling. The authority will raise a PO and payment will be made to Wessex Water Services Limited.

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

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 100%

#### **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

As the water companies are specific to the geographic location and the infrastructure is the property of the specific water company, it is necessary to contract directly with the relevant company in each English region, thus precluding a competition as each Water Company has proprietary rights over and in respect of its own water network infrastructure, plants etc. Thereby necessitating the need to make Direct awards to each for its own regional under the auspices of PCR 2015 (as amended) Regulation 32(2)(b) (iii) Exclusive Rights.

#### 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

31 May 2023

#### 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**

WESSEX WATER SERVICES LIMITED

Wessex Water Operations Centre, Claverton Down Road, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7WW

Bath

BA2 7WW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02366648

Internet address

<http://www.wessexwater.co.uk>

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: £200,000

Lowest offer: £200,000 / Highest offer: £200,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The High Court

The Strand

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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