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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

10 South Colonnade

London

E14 4PU

#### Contact

**Procurement Operations** 

#### **Email**

procurement.operations@dhsc.gov.uk

#### 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

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

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

#### 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

#### 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 it's 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

# 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

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.4) Procedures for review

<b>VI.4.1</b>	) Review	body
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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

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

**United Kingdom** 

Internet address

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