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Contract

Primary human cells for Organ-on-chip studies

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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-049aee

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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

E14 4PU

Contact

Commercial Operations

Email

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Primary human cells for Organ-on-chip studies

Reference number

C284246

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31410000 - Primary cells

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase HLA typed human small airway epithelial cells (SAEC), lung microvascular endothelial cells (HMVEC-L) and human immune cells (PMBC). Cells will be used in an established Organ on a Chip (OOC) system at Porton Down.

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: £226,706.60

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UKHSA Porton Down
Manor Farm Road
Salisbury
SP4 0JG

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The absence of competition ground under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) is relevant as, based upon UKHSA's requirements and market intelligence, there appears to be a monopoly market that applies in the current case. Operational colleagues have confirmed that there is a very limited market for the supply of cells from recently deceased, healthy humans appropriate for UKHSA's income generation and infectious disease research purposes.

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

4 July 2024

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

Lonza Sales Ltd

Muenchensteinerstrasse 38, CH-4002 Basel

Basel

CH-4002

Country

Switzerland

NUTS code

- CH - Switzerland

National registration number

OE016646

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: £226,706.60

Total value of the contract/lot: £226,706.60

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Commercial Court

7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane

London

EC4A 1NL

Country

United Kingdom