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Contract

TPOXX® Antiviral Treatment (Tecovirimat)

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

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Main address

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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

TPOXX® Antiviral Treatment (Tecovirimat)

Reference number

C79951

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33651400 - Antivirals for systemic use

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The monkeypox virus belongs to a family of viruses called orthopox viruses and the drug Tecovirimat is an antiviral designed specifically to treat viral infections of this kind. In the current outbreak, Tecovirimat has been successfully used to treat patients with the most severe presentations of monkeypox virus infection. This contract is for a small supply of TPOXX® Antiviral Treatment (Tecovirimat) for the treatment of severe cases of Monkeypox in the UK.

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

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Tecovirimat antiviral treatment

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:

Negotiated procedure without a notice:

Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii)

This contract is for a small supply of TPOXX® Antiviral Treatment (Tecovirimat) for the treatment of severe cases of monkeypox in the UK.

The procurement was initiated on the basis that Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) was applicable in the circumstances that prevailed. This permits the use of a direct award where competition is absent for technical reasons. That is the situation that applies here and as a result a competitive procurement exercise could not have been conducted.

The monkeypox virus belongs to a family of viruses called orthopox viruses. The drug Tecovirimat is an antiviral designed specifically to treat viral infections of this kind. There was no reasonable alternative or substitute available to the authority. This antiviral is the only product with authorisation from the MHRA for the treatment of monkeypox and Meridian Medical Technologies has exclusive right to supply the product to the UK. Therefore, this was the only option available within the market for the UK to procure an effective treatment against the current monkeypox outbreak.

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

28 July 2022

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

MERIDIAN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

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United Kingdom

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- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

National registration number

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Internet address

www.meridianmeds.com

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1

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

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £1

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

MMT are the sole UK distributor of Tecovirimat which is manufactured by SIGA so the manufacturing and production of the product will be subcontracted.

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 the price per dose. Publication of this information would therefore: (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

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