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Awarded contract

Pesticide Residue Testing, Radiation Testing & Bacterial Testing

London Borough of Hillingdon

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

London Borough of Hillingdon

London

Hillingdon

London

Email

AMayo@hillingsdon.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hillingdon.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Pesticide Residue Testing, Radiation Testing & Bacterial Testing

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The London Borough of Hillingdon is responsible for overseeing imported food and feed controls at its Imported Food Office located at London Heathrow Airport. European Community legislation requires imports of certain food and feed products to be introduced into the United Kingdom only via approved inspection facilities. The Imported Food Office at London Heathrow Airport is an approved inspection facility for both imports of products of animal origin, and those not of animal origin.

The contract requires the analysis of imports of feed and food for the following contaminants:

- Lot A - Pesticide residues
- Lot B - Caesium-134 and Caesium-137
- Lot C - Microbiological contaminants
- Lot D - Other Miscellaneous
- Lot E - All of the above

The London Borough of Hillingdon reserved the right to award some, all or none of the Lots shown above.

The majority of imports that are examined by London Borough of Hillingdon Imported Food Officers are fresh, highly perishable products.

The supplier will also be required to carry out analysis of samples submitted by the London Borough of Hillingdon Food Health and Safety Team for the purpose of enforcing the following legislation:

- a. Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2013
- b. The Food Safety Act 1990 and regulations made thereunder
- c. The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013
- d. any other legislation where it is agreed that the contractor has access to appropriate facilities and qualification to test the goods or samples.

Contract Commencement- December 2021

The Contract is for an initial term of three (3) years extendable at Hillingdon's sole discretion for a further period of two (2) years extension, giving a total of five (5) years (the Term).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £593,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot A - Pesticide Residues (Fresh produce)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Retained Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 requires increased controls on imports of fruits and vegetables originating from certain countries outside of the European Union. Consignments that are subject to these increased controls must undergo a documentary check. In addition to this, an identity check and physical examination must be carried out at varying frequencies as set out in the Regulation.

In cases where a physical examination takes place, a formal sample is taken from the consignment to be tested for a range of contaminants listed in the Regulation. The most common laboratory test required at present by the imported food office is a test for the presence of pesticide residues

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract will be for an initial term of three (3) years extendable at Hillingdon's sole for a further period of two (2) years extension, giving a total of five (5) years (the Term).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot B - Microbiological analysis

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Microbiological analysis is required for both products of animal origin and products not of animal origin.

The most common microbiological test required at present is a test for Salmonella spp in betel leaves as required by Retained Regulation (EU) 2019/1793.

During the 2019/2020 financial year, microbiological analysis was carried out on:

10 consignments of products of animal origin (POAO).

2 consignments of products not of animal origin (PNAO) - detained pending results

During the 2020/2021 financial year, microbiological analysis was carried out on:

2 consignments of products of animal origin POAO.

5 consignments of products not of animal origin (PNAO) - detained pending results

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract will be for an initial term of three (3) years extendable at Hillingdon's sole for a further period of two (2) years extension, giving a total of five (5) years (the Term).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot C - Radiation

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Following the accident at the Fukushima nuclear power station on the 11th March 2011, the European Commission was informed that radionuclide levels in certain food products originating in Japan exceeded the action levels in food applicable in Japan.

This contamination was considered to possibly constitute a threat to public and animal health in the European Union. The European Commission therefore published Implementing Regulation (EU) No 297/2011 of the 25th March 2011 which imposed special conditions governing the import of feed and food originating in or consigned from Japan.

Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/6 (as amended) contains the most up-to-date import requirements applicable to imports of feed and food originating in or consigned from Japan. Article 10 of this Regulation sets out the official controls that are to be applied. This includes random physical checks, including laboratory analysis for the presence of Caesium-134 and Caesium-137 being carried out on consignments imported. Consignments that are tested remain detained for a maximum of five working days, pending the availability of the results of the laboratory analysis

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract will be for an initial term of three (3) years extendable at Hillingdon's sole for a further period of two (2) years extension, giving a total of five (5) years (the Term).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot D - Other categories of analysis

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Analysis is required for the following contaminants:

Plastic kitchenware - Formaldehyde / Primary aromatic amines

Pesticide analysis - dried products (e.g. tea)

Mycotoxins

Sulphur dioxide

Chloramphenicol

Veterinary residues

Speciation testing

Adulteration

Nutrition and health claims

Dangerous substances (DNP, DMMA)

Heavy Metals

Histamine Detection

Dioxins

PAHs

Unauthorised GMOs

Sudan Dyes

The above list of contaminants is not exhaustive and new testing requirements can be introduced at any point.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract will be for an initial term of three (3) years extendable at Hillingdon's sole for a further period of two (2) years extension, giving a total of five (5) years (the Term).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 5- All of the required tests

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 5- consists of all the tests required under Lots A-D

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract will be for an initial term of three (3) years extendable at Hillingdon's sole for a further period of two (2) years extension, giving a total of five (5) years (the Term).

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

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

Lot 5 - All of the required tests

Title

The provision of Pesticide Residue Testing, Radiation Testing and Microbiological Testing for the Imported Food Office, London Borough of Hillingdon

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 December 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

PUBLIC ANAYST SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

i54 BUSINESS PARK, VALIANT WAY

WOLVERHAMPTON

WV9 5GB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,100,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC1A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

London Borough of Hillingdon

Civic Centre,

Uxbridge

UB8 1UW

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

London Borough of Hillingdon

Civic Centre

Uxbridge

UB8 1UW

Country

United Kingdom