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Contract

## **Pesticide Residue Testing, Radiation Testing & Bacterial Testing**

London Borough of Hillingdon

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02c703

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

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

London Borough of Hillingdon

London

Hillingdon

London

#### **Email**

[AMayo@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:AMayo@hillington.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk)

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-016273](#)

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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

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**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