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Contract

Provision for Custom Synthesis of DNA Molecules

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

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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

Provision for Custom Synthesis of DNA Molecules

Reference number

C339182

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Custom Synthesis of DNA Molecules for UKHSA 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: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

This requirement is for a custom synthesised oligo and mutagenized libraries. The contract will also include the ability to order other libraries as required and cloning of the above nucleotides.

All oligonucleotide synthesis is priced on the scale of the library and size of the individual components of the library (as below) as well additional fees for cloning/purification. It is expected we would require synthesis of oligos between 5,000 (Tier 6) and 50,000 (Tier 13) of nucleotides 121-150 nt in length

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 proposed procurement route is a Direct Award (Reg. 32(2)(b) and (c)). The contract will be awarded due to the awarded supplier being the sole supplier of specific oligonucleotides required by the Agency and distinct intellectual property rights owned by the awarded supplier and sole supply 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

6 June 2025

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

Twist Bioscience

1 Morshead Road

London

W91JH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

05283571

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

VI.4.1) Review body

Commercial Court

7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane

London

EC4A 1NL

Country

United Kingdom