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Contract

Organ on a Chip system

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-042887

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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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Contact

Commercial Operations

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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

Organ on a Chip system

Reference number

C212249

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434000 - Analysers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase 5 x commercialised ready-to-use Organ on Chip systems for UKHSA 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: £400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38434000 - Analysers

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 project requests funding to purchase commercialised ready-to-use Organ on Chip systems at UKHSA Porton Down. This technology provides a more relevant system for studying human disease and evaluating therapeutics.

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 although a potential alternative platform could be used, this would come with significant drawbacks.

In addition and in the alternative, as the only supplier of the product, the protection of exclusive rights (in the form of patents owned or exclusively licensed by CN Bio as well as trade secrets and know-how) under Regulation 32(2)(b)(iii) would similarly apply in this case.

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 December 2023

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

CN Bio Innovations Limited

332 Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 0WN, United Kingdom

Cambridge

CB4 0WN

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

06517359

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: £400,000

Lowest offer: £400,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 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