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Contract

DHSC: Pilot Testing for School Food Standards

Department of Health & Social Care

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05902a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Health & Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Contact

Anila Kreku

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

DHSC: Pilot Testing for School Food Standards

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79311300 - Survey analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) wishes to pilot updated School Food Standards in a sample of schools in England. This pilot seeks to understand whether the updated standards are feasible for caterers and schools to implement and to highlight any unintended consequences. The pilot will explore cost, acceptability and nutritional implications of introducing menus based on updated standards.

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: £134,185

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79311300 - Survey analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

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 procedure used was CCS DPS Further Competition and it did not require a prior FTS.

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

27 August 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Verian Group UK Limited

4 Millbank, London

London

SW1P 3JA

Telephone

+44 2078961900

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

National registration number

13663077

Internet address

<https://www.kantarpublic.com/>

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: £150,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £134,185

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court

The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

The High Court

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