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Award

Respiratory Metagenomics Expansion Programme

GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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Scope

Reference

C395947

Description

The contracting authority, Guys and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT), intends to award a contract for the delivery of Respiratory Metagenomic Clinical Services to Oxford Nanopore Technologies PLC after being granted funding from NHS England (NHSE) and the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology for the financial years 2025/26 to be the lead provider of the programme supporting 9 NHS Trusts with the option to expand to other participants

Contract 1. Respiratory Metagenomics Expansion Programme

Supplier

- OXFORD NANOPORE TECHNOLOGIES PLC

Contract value

- £7,010,966 excluding VAT
- £8,413,159 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

In accordance with Section 41 and Schedule 5 of the PA23, this direct award is to be made on the grounds of absence of competition for technical reasons as the products and services are subject to patented technology by Oxford Nanopore Technologies PLC. It is unique in that it is the only sequencing technology available on the market that enables direct, real-time analysis of short to ultra-long fragments of DNA/RNA, in fully scalable formats. No other provider is able to supply equivalent goods or services.

- Additional Information - The contracting authority has concluded that the conditions for a direct award are satisfied due to their being no alternatives and an absence of competition due to patent status of the required products and services. A Contract Award Notice (UK6) will be published following the expiry of the standstill period.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZC-6438-DGPX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government