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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

GSTT will lead the development of a national clinical metagenomics pilot service by deploying NHS developed laboratory, bioinformatic and clinical protocols along with Oxford Nanopore developed sequencing technology to a network of 30 NHS sites across the UK for the dual benefit of patient care and bio-surveillance.

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

19 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 December 2025 to 8 December 2028
- 2 years, 11 months, 20 days

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Term of this Contract shall expire on the 10th November 2028, unless otherwise

extended by agreement in writing by both Parties.

CPV classifications

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZC-6438-DGPX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government