

United Kingdom-East Kilbride: Design and execution of research and development

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Contract award notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department for International Development

Postal address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road

Town: East Kilbride

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Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: Elaine-Collins@dfid.gov.uk**Internet address(es):**Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: International Development

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement**II.1.1. Title**

Investment in Supply and Manufacture of Covid-19 Testing Kits

Reference number: DN114

II.1.2. Main CPV code

73300000 Design and execution of research and development

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

DFID are funding development and scale up of SARS CoV 2 diagnostic test/assay along with a battery-operated device to enable the tests to be carried out easily in developing countries. Due to the extreme urgency to develop and validate Covid-19 testing kits, The UK Government has authorised the procurement of these services through a direct award due to extreme urgency, this is permissible under current public procurement regulations using regulation 32(2)(c).

II.1.6.

Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 3 200 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKC2 Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The UK is a leading donor in coronavirus research for testing and developing a vaccine. In response to the urgent global need for Covid-19 testing DFID are funding the development and scale up of a SARS CoV 2 diagnostic test/assay and an independent, battery-operated device which will enable testing to be carried out easily in developing countries. Due to the extreme urgency to develop and validate Covid-19 testing kits, the UK Government has authorised the procurement of these services through a direct award. This is permissible under current public procurement regulations using regulation 32(2)(c).

The programme of work aims to develop and validate a Covid-19 assay and a prototype battery operated device suitable for use in developing countries, with the work divided into three phases. Phase 1 (GBP 3.2 M) is to validate and manufacture up to 2 million molecular tests for Covid-19 which can be processed by existing PCR laboratory-based machines. Phase 2 and Phase 3 and any associated research and development will be managed by FIND (Foundation for Innovative Diagnostics). These phases will include the design, prototype and scale of the laboratory-independent, battery-operated device and associated C-19 cartridge test, removing the need for laboratory-based PCR machines and allowing rapid point-of-care testing, delivering an important primary benefit to the developing world.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Capability / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 0

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

II.2.14. Additional information

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 Official Journal of the European Union in the cases listed below

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority and in accordance with the strict conditions stated in the directive

Explanation:

Due to the exceptional circumstances of Covid-19 and extreme urgency required to develop and scale up SARS CoV 2 diagnostic test/assay along with a battery-operated device to enable the tests to be carried out easily in developing countries, a direct award to procure Phase 1 of these services has been invoked under regulation 32(2)(c).

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: PROJ10128

Title:

Investment in Supply and Manufacture of Covid-19 Testing Kits

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

09/04/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: QuantuMDX Group Ltd

Postal address: Lugano Building, 57 Melbourne Street

Town: Newcastle

NUTS code: UKC2 Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Postal code: NE1 2JQ

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 3 200 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Department for International Development

Postal address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

04/05/2020