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**United Kingdom-London: Freight transport agency services  
2020/S 232-573954**

**Contract award notice**

**Results of the procurement procedure**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: Department of Health and Social Care

Postal address: 39 Victoria Street

Town: London

NUTS code: UKI32 Westminster

Postal code: SW1H 0EU

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [FreightContractNotices@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:FreightContractNotices@dhsc.gov.uk)

**Internet address(es):**

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

Address of the buyer profile: <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, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title:**

The Provision of Freight Services for the Supply of Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Equipment

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

63521000 Freight transport agency services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description:**

The provision of freight services for the supply of personal protective equipment and medical equipment.

**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: 993 045.00 GBP

**II.2) Description**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Direct award under Reg 32 of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 for Covid-19 response.

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

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:

- 1) At the outset of the surge in Covid-19 cases across the UK in March 2020, there was an urgent need to distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) to front line staff working in the health and social care sector, to protect them from contracting this life threatening virus in the course of their duties.
- 2) The infrastructure and logistics capability to distribute multiple consignments of mixed PPE to a diverse range of care providers and locations on an urgent (same day, overnight or 24 hour service) did not exist, and there was an urgent need to engage a logistics partner with these capabilities and the available capacity to support the rapidly escalating demands.
- 3) No pre-existing government commercial agreements were identified which covered the nature and scale of the services required and that could be mobilised in the necessary timescales.
- 4) The DHSC had to work at pace to setup the emergency delivery operation to distribute goods from stock in warehouses to ensure that a wide range of health and social care providers had access to PPE to protect staff and people in their care, helping to prevent infection and deaths.
- 5) Diamond Logistics are specialists in emergency courier solutions and operate a warehouse and transport network to support the delivery of these services across the UK.
- 6) Diamond Logistics was selected to provide this service as they were able to provide 24/7, same day, overnight and 24 hour delivery service for the whole of the UK, and could meet the very short mobilisation timescales required.
- 7) In addition Diamond Logistics were also able to stand up a fully manned 24/7 operations control centre, access to their proof of delivery platform, stock holding, picking and packing for pre-built PPE kits (to support widespread rapid response) and inventory management systems.
- 8) This contract was awarded to Diamond Logistics to meet a specific urgent need to distribute PPE to health and social care providers throughout the UK, on an urgent (overnight or next day) basis.
- 9) The services provided by Diamond Logistics provide an essential element of the UK PPE distribution arrangements put in place to support the Covid-19 response, and will be required through the highest risk winter period.

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**

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract:**

26/03/2020

**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**

Official name: Diamond Logistics

National registration number: Diamond Logistics

Postal address: Unit 3C Henley Business Park, Pirbright Road

Town: Guildford

NUTS code: UK UNITED KINGDOM

Postal code: GU3 2DX

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 993 045.00 GBP

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**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: High Court

Postal address: 39 Victoria Street

Town: London

Postal code: SW1H 0EU

Country: United Kingdom

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

**VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:**

23/11/2020