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**United Kingdom-Runcorn: Pharmaceutical products
2020/S 084-199980**

Contract award notice

Results of the procurement procedure

Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through the Department of Health and Social Care

Postal address: 2nd Floor, Rutland House

Town: Runcorn

NUTS code: UK

Postal code: WA7 2ES

Country: United Kingdom

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Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://dh.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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:

Contract for the Supply of Hydroxychloroquine Tablets

Reference number: CM/EMP/20/1417/357

II.1.2) Main CPV code

33600000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description:

A requirement for the supply of hydroxychloroquine tablets.

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: 29 500.00 GBP

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Movianto, Haydock.

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

A requirement to secure hydroxychloroquine tablets for trials for treatments for Covid-19. Urgent delivery required of available stocks.

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:

A situation of extreme urgency exists both in the UK and across the World, in the context of the spread of Covid-19. Hydroxychloroquine tablets, one of the drugs of choice worldwide for the treatment of Covid-19 is scarce in supply and the contracting authority having identified a supplier that was ready willing and able to supply hydroxychloroquine tablets needed to move quickly to secure this supply. Failure to do this would have resulted in the hydroxychloroquine tablets being sold by the supplier to another country due to the high demand globally. As such and at this time, the timelines for the open procedure, restricted procedure (even where accelerated) and the competitive procedure with negotiation could not be complied with in order for DHSC is to secure this supply of hydroxychloroquine tablets.

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

IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

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.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

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:**

18/03/2020

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: Sigma Pharmaceuticals

Town: Watford

NUTS code: UKH23

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Total value of the contract/lot: 29 500.00 GBP

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The contracts is for the benefit of the authority and NHS bodies along with any other non-NHS bodies which are necessary for the delivery of services or goods to NHS bodies and the local authorities, other government departments or non-departmental public bodies charged with the delivery of healthcare or health-related services in the United Kingdom, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories including, without limitation, the National Assembly for Wales, the Northern Ireland Assembly, and Scottish Ministers.

This contract was awarded pursuant to a procurement exercise carried out by the contracting authority to identify suppliers able to urgently supply readily available stocks of antimalarial and anti-retroviral medicinal products for the treatment of Covid-19. This procurement exercise was commenced by the contracting authority on 26 February 2020 and an invitation to negotiate and submit an offer was issued to suppliers in this regard on 4 March 2020.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: The High Court

Postal address: Strand

Town: London

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

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

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

27/04/2020