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Contract

## **Primary Source Verification for Overseas Doctors**

General Medical Council (GMC)

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0394f3

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

General Medical Council (GMC)

3 Hardman Street

Manchester

M3 3AW

#### **Email**

[gmctenders@gmc-uk.org](mailto:gmctenders@gmc-uk.org)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1619236340

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.gmc-uk.org>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Medical Regulator

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Primary Source Verification for Overseas Doctors

Reference number

GMC1572

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80320000 - Medical education services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Registration Information team conducts ad hoc verification checks on doctors' qualifications and experience where there is a requirement to do so, for example where there is a doubt as to the veracity of an individual's primary medical qualification.

The third party will be contracted to provide these verification services on the GMC's behalf. A successful verification means confirmation from someone in a position of authority at the issuing institution that a doctor's qualification is genuine, being gained by that individual at the awarding body in question, on the date claimed. Alternatively, it may mean confirmation from someone in a position of authority at a medical employer that the employment experience the doctor claims to have is genuine.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £250,000 taken into consideration

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 80320000 - Medical education services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Business Requirement

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Verification may be required from any medical school, regulator or employer anywhere in the world. It is important that swift responses are achieved, ideally within four weeks.

Frequency

Volumes of work may vary considerably from month to month depending on business requirements, ranging from one or two requests per month to five or six. Additionally, it is anticipated that a new pilot project to verify the primary medical qualifications of registered doctors who are being investigated for allegations related to dishonesty will commence before the end of 2022, amounting to around ten verifications per month. This project will also involve the verification of the primary medical qualifications of around 300 doctors who have had historic sanctions imposed relating to dishonesty or where there are other factors that mean that verification is indicated.

Services Required

The following outputs will be required:

- High success rate in relation to responses received – contact made with a suitable person at the issuing authority/employer and confirmation as to whether the doctor has the medical qualification(s)/experience they claim to have

- Information provided within short timescales, ideally within four weeks
- Clear and robust audit trail for each verification, with information provided by a person in authority at the verifying organisation.

The GMC will supply information to the organisation undertaking the verification in the form of:

- Confirmation of the doctor's agreement for the check to be carried out
- A copy of the doctor's passport (or similar identity document)
- An untranslated copy of the document to be verified.

Information will be exchanged through the GMC's secure data transfer system called GMC Connect.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Cost criterion / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 25.5

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 022-226430](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

GMC1572

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

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

9 September 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Dataflow Verification Services (UK) Ltd

6th Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street

London

EC3V 0HR

Telephone

+44 7714272593

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £250,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(MT Ref:228371)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>