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Contract

Outpatient Pharmacy services for University Hospital Bristol & Weston

BRISTOL & WESTON NHS PURCHASING CONSORTIUM

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKK11 - Bristol, City of

NHS Organisation Data Service

RVJ

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Outpatient Pharmacy services for University Hospital Bristol & Weston

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85149000 - Pharmacy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A Contract to provide an Outpatient Dispensing Service, including oral chemotherapy and antiviral treatment of Hepatitis C, to cover two sites, one in Bristol Royal Infirmary and one at Weston General Hospital.

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: £10,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85112200 - Outpatient care services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Main site or place of performance

Bristol

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Outpatient Dispensing Pharmacy (ODP) and associated services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

On 28th March 2024 this 5 year contract was lawfully procured following a competitive procurement and was awarded to LP HCS LIMITED (incorporated in England and Wales with company number 14477534 whose registered office is at The Woods, Haywood Road, Warwick CV34 5AH ("LP HCS")).

LP HCS is owned by the Halo Healthcare Group which has taken the corporate decision to re-structure and to exit the trading element known as the "Lloyds Pharmacy Health Services". Permission was therefore sought from UHBW to novate the contract to L. ROWLAND & COMPANY (RETAIL) LIMITED (incorporated in England and Wales under company number 02288928 whose registered office is at Rivington Road, Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 3DJ ("Rowlands")).

Whilst this change of supplier is a "substantial modification" pursuant to Regulation 72(8)(e) of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015, UHBW considers that it has the power to approve the change under Regulation 72(1)(d).

After considerable discussion between LP HCS, Rowlands and NHSE, it is clear that Rowlands is partially succeeding into the position of LP HCS in respect of these Lloyds Pharmacy Health Services. Rowlands also fulfils the original criteria for qualitative selection as it will honour the original tender in all regards and will provide a suitable parent company guarantee from an entity which would satisfy the financial standing criteria. There will be no other changes to the contract novated and this is not intended to circumvent the purpose of Regulation 72.

Moreover and In the alternative, in the timescales required and notified to UHBW by LP HCS and its decision to exit the business, UHBW considers that no other entity could ensure continuity of service for technical reasons because of the transfer of staff from one entity to the other and there is also no time to terminate this contract and to undertake a new procurement process. The Trust also considers then that should a court consider this a new contract award, it could be made without Contract Notice pursuant to Regulation 32.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

12 January 2024

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

L. ROWLAND & COMPANY (RETAIL) LIMITED

Rivington Road, Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Runcorn, Cheshire

Runcorn

WA7 3DJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Companies House

02288928

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £10,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is not a new contract but notification of a novation of an existing contract.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

BWPC

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