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Award

Student Database System

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03966a

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

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

Student Database System

Reference number

HEIW-DIGI-STA-008

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48611000 - Database software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Continued provision and support of the current trainee information database system.

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: £550,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a core national database for recording trainee training information across Wales.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

HEIW have embarked on a programme to build/procure a new system or suite of systems that will replace the current Student Database, along with other digital functions/processes that support and enhance the trainee experience.

To procure a further independent solution at this time would prevent the release of the necessary resource to support the delivery of the new strategic direction and risk two different solutions being introduced within a relatively short period. This would cause significant disruption to HEIW, the student and wider user community.

To ensure contractual arrangements remain in place to maintain the continuity of this critical service, the Authority intends to use the negotiated procedure without prior publication in accordance with the use of Public Contract Regulations 2015 32 (2)(b)(ii) and (iii), competition is absent for technical reasons and (2)(b)(iii) - the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights.

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: [2019/S 046-106343](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

HEIW-DIGI-STA-008

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 December 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Hicom Technology Limited

Red House, Cemetery Pales

Brookwood

GU240BL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £520,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £550,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Authority intends to award a contract for the period stated in this notice. Following an internal strategic review, if the outcome is to procure a further 3rd party solution rather than deliver in-house, it is anticipated a further notice will be placed for a new competition in the spring of 2024. Unless a public sector framework is utilised under which a mini competition or direct call off route is deemed to deliver value for money.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Health Education Improvement Wales
Special Health Authority,

will apply a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision
and awarding the contract.

Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section
I.1). Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the
procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any
such action is subject to strict time limits in accordance with the Public
Contracts(Amendments).

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

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