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Contract

Covid Inquiry Solicitors

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

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

Procurement Services, Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board, Woodlands House, 2nd Floor, Maes-Y-Coed Road,

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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.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

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Covid Inquiry Solicitors

Reference number

CAV-OJEU-PROJECT51719

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership, hosted by Velindre NHS Trust are acting on behalf of Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board who sought to establish a contract for legal advice and support to participate in the UK Government Covid-19 Public Inquiry.

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: £450,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The process of supporting the Health Board to provide comprehensive and relevant disclosure and thereafter provide ongoing advice and support in relation the production of witness evidence and the review of the evidence of other participants, represents a major undertaking for the small (3 person) in house Inquiry team that has been established to lead this work. Accordingly, the Health Board are looking to source additional capacity and support from external solicitors.

The Health Board will require support and advice to enable the Health Board to comply, in a timely and efficient manner, with preparation for and responses to requests made of it by the Inquiry. This will include but is not limited to, disclosure obligations and the preparation of witness evidence.

Further requirements are outlined in the specification document.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 40

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

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

There is an urgent requirement for external legal services to support the Health Board through the Covid Inquiry.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CAV-OJEU-PROJECT51719

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hempsons

100 Wood Street

London

EC2V7AN

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)

Total value of the contract/lot: £450,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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