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Contract

Prior Approval System

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d460

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

7&8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

Contact

Leigh Parker

Email

leigh.parker1@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Prior Approval System

Reference number

C314441

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A 12 months contract required for the NHS England prior approval system whilst conducting the Discovery and Alpha phases and procurement of the next iteration of the prior approval system. The NHS England prior approval system enables clinicians to prescribe high-cost medicines to patients promptly by confirming patient eligibility via an online form detailing clinical treatment criteria. The system is also used to ensure that NHS providers are reimbursed appropriately for the use of high-cost medicines.

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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: £185,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

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

Explanation:

Regulations 32 - Direct Award

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

2 December 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

Blueteq Limited

Claremont, Western Avenue, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7LP

Emsworth

PO10 7LP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

05334133

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £185,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £185,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>