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## **Provision of Internal Audit, Counter Fraud and Security Management Services for Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board**

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042e8d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon

SS14 3HG

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

QH8

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of Internal Audit, Counter Fraud and Security Management Services for Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Reference number

ACE-0730-2023-MSE

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

- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

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

Services

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

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The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this VEAT, during which the ICB will not enter into any contractual arrangement.

#### **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: £311,892

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

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

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex

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

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Existing provider has reduced inadvertently cut back their resources due to financial climate which has had a major negative impact on their internal audit service delivered to the authority, creating a situation where there is not the workforce to deliver a robust / satisfactory internal audit. The incumbent has confirmed they are unable to continue with the contract post the natural contract expiry (31st March 2024).

In the interim the incumbent has sought additional capacity from elsewhere, and an agreement has been made by the incumbent and the authority's existing contract) to continue with the remainder of the contract term on this basis, but with a significantly reduced scope of service, focusing on those crucial audits required in Q3 particularly, to keep the authority safe.

The Authority is in a position where they need to secure a new Internal Audit contract from 1st April 24. There is a desire to work with existing system partners within the ICS given the strategic direction for the ICB and collaborative partners within the system. However, at this time the collaborative approach has not been possible or economically viable.

Given the existing provider has notified the ICB of risks to ongoing effective delivery/performance of this statutory service, and significantly reduced service is being

proposed in order to cover basics (keeping ICB safe), the ICB can rely on Regulation 32 (2) (c) "insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with."

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

Price

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend by a further 12 months after core contract has expired on 31st March 2026.

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## **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

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#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Title**

Provision of Internal Audit, Counter Fraud and Security Management Services for Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 January 2024

### **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**

TIAA Ltd

Artillery House, Fort Fareham, Fareham

Fareham

PO14 3AU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Companies House

04546319

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: £311,892

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Rd,

Basildon, Essex

SS14 3HG

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United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk>