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Contract

## **ECRI-AIMS Licensing & Support**

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-001993

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042eb0

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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BELFAST

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#### **Contact**

Harold Gordon

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[harry.gordon@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:harry.gordon@belfasttrust.hscni.net)

#### **Telephone**

+44 2895048954

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.belfasttrust.hscni.net](http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net)

**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**

ECRI-AIMS Licensing & Support

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72261000 - Software support services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Provision of ECRI-AIMS Enterprise annual user licences and software support

#### **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: £105,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Facilities owned by Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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

Provision of ECRI-AIMS Enterprise annual user licences and software support

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

Price

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

Options: No

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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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The email of 08/11/23, received from ECRI, stated that "ECRI is the sole sales and support provider for AIMS outside of America. This has been a 16 year partnership with the software owners and developers, Phoenix Data Systems who are located within the USA. Due to our not-for-profit status and very strict conflict of interest rules that ECRI are forced to abide by due to the nature of the work we carry out, we are unable to use distributors or resellers for any of our products and services, including AIMS". Given the content of the email, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust is confident that ECRI Institute is sole-provider for provision of the service covered by this notice. Consequently, BHSCT proposes use of Regulation 32 (Use of the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Title

ECRI-AIMS Licensing & Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

21 December 2023

### **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**

ECRI Institute

Suite 104, 29 Broadwater Road

Welwyn Garden City

AL7 3BQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH - East of England

Companies House

BR002963

Internet address

[www.ecri.org](http://www.ecri.org)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £105,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Rob Davies (ECRI Technical Support Manager, AIMS Business Line Manager) advised by email of 08/11/23 that:

"ECRI is the sole sales and support provider for AIMS outside of America. This has been a 16 year partnership with the software owners and developers, Phoenix Data Systems who are located within the USA.

Due to our not-for-profit status and very strict conflict of interest rules that ECRI are forced to abide by due to the nature of the work we carry out, we are unable to use distributors or resellers for any of our products and services, including AIMS".

Reg 32 (2)(b)(iii) is applicable as the required licences and support can only be provided by ECRI as competition is absent as a consequence of the protection of exclusive rights.

This contract with ECRI-AIMS will be for a maximum 3 year period (01/01/24 to 31/12/26).

The maximum contract value of £105,000 has been calculated based on firm prices from ECRI-AIMS, with an allowance for potential growth over the contract period.

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

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

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom