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PROVISION OF BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-002410

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043424

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

THE WEST WING,CEME CENTRE, MARSH WAY

RAINHAM

RM138GQ

Contact

Nichola Lane

Email

Procurement@nelft.nhs.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

PROVISION OF BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33195100 - Monitors

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This is not an opportunity, but a VEAT notice to inform the market that GlucoRX is intending to contract for provision of blood glucose meters, testing strips and external quality control testing which expired in May 2022.

The above-named intends start the contract for a 3 year Period, (with an option to extend an extra 2 years) from 06 February 2024.

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: £0.01

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex
- UKI5 - Outer London – East and North East
- UKJ4 - Kent

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This project was started 2021 where we undertook a mini competition via the NHSSC framework for Blood Monitoring. As only one supplier submitted a bid the Trust cancelled the procurement due to lack of competition and supplier engagement to successfully test the market.

Following a failed mini competition via the NHS Supply Chain Framework, an Open Procedure was conducted. Again, we only received one bid which did not meet the Trust SFI's for a competitive process and failed to achieve market testing for price, EQA testing and Trust training.

An alternative supplier was identified via market research and verified via conversations with other Trusts to understand the pricing structure and ways of working. GlucoRX presented a huge saving for NELFT and when the meters were reviewed by the medical team, they were deemed appropriate for use especially as they meet the set regulatory requirements for Blood Glucose testing, and can provide a product that tests for both Glucose and Ketones in one device, which will streamline processes across the Trust.

Internal Quality testing solution and External Quality assessments are provided and managed by the supplier at no cost to the Trust, as well as all meters, batteries and logbooks.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension available for up to 2 years

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

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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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 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

GlucoRx Ltd

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ25 - West Surrey

Companies House

07513682

Internet address

www.glucorx.co.uk

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: £0.01

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

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