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Contract

Core LIMS - STARLIMS Data Migration Extract

Business Services Organisation I T S

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hscbusiness.hscni.net

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

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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

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These records are required to answer potential legal queries as the level of service provided and extent of analysis performed continues to rapidly evolve with the technology available within any given service to perform the requested analysis.

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: £150,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The RMDS service has an ongoing patient care responsibility for individuals with complex personal phenotypes which is suggestive of a genetic contribution. The patient phenotype may evolve over time as they move from infancy to adulthood and hence the patient may require multiple analyses over many years or decades often returning to stored DNA stocks provided by the patient.

In addition the multi-generational nature of genetic studies in families who have a pathogenic variant or variants identified in successful historic analysis which may be unique to the family under RMDS care makes the use of variant control samples sourced from consented family members essential.

Hence access to patient records via an accurate data repository represents a major patient safety issue to meet the Royal College guidance, allow patient record identification and location of stock DNA resources as required.

As part of the Core LIMS project, data migration is required by RMDS to transfer data from their existing Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), STARLIMS, into the new LIMS being delivered by the project for the above reasons.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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:

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As the current LIMS being used by the Regional Molecular Diagnostics Service (RMDS) is a bespoke solution there is no option to approach other providers to carry out the work.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 January 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

STARLIMS

Sale

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Companies House

03422264

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Business Services Organisation

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom