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Contract

Provision of Southwest Secure Data Environment (SDE) to NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

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F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://bnssg.icb.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 Southwest Secure Data Environment (SDE) to NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Reference number

WA17070 / C298735

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The ICB sought a partner to support them to deliver a tenancy and processing layer that had the capability to link and safely store data in the cloud. Due to ambitious timeframes, the partner should have a ready built SDE model to implement.

The procurement followed the procurement process as set out in the buying process for the G Cloud 14 framework

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: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The South West Sub National SDE (SW-SDE) is part of NHS England's "Data Saves Lives" strategy, requiring each region to establish a Sub-National Secure Data Environment for health and care research. The SW-SDE covers 6 integrated care systems (including hundreds of data controllers), who are engaged through a well established leadership board. The SW-SDE is hosted by Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Integrated Care Board. Preparations for the build phase had been completed, including receiving ethical approvals, assembling a core team, and finalizing governance models.

The NHSE programme required a minimum viable product build of the SW-SDE by March 2025, scaling to a small scale SDE throughout 25/26 to conduct user testing and delivery of initial research cases. BNSSG ICB were therefore seeking a partner to support them to deliver a tenancy and processing layer that had the capability to link and safely store data in the cloud. Due to ambitious timeframes, the partner should have a ready built SDE model to implement. This phase will ingest real-world data and require the highest security standards.

The procurement followed the procurement process as set out in the buying process for the G Cloud 14 framework.

Funding of £100,000 is available for a 12-month contract, with a further £100,000 as an optional 12-month extension, at the commissioner's discretion.

This procurement has been carried out by NHS South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit (SCW) on behalf of the Commissioners.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality/Technical / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Whole life cost / Weighting: 20

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

£100,000 as an optional 12-month extension, at the commissioner's discretion.

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

Explanation:

The services are deemed to be subject to the full regime of current procurement legislation and as such this tender will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Southwest Secure Data Environment (SDE) for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 January 2025

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

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE21 - York

Companies House

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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: £200,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The services procured through this procurement process are fully regulated under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR2015), and the process has been undertaken in full accordance with the law.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

BNSSG ICB

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom