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Contract

## **Advanced Electronic Signature Consulting Services**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031aaf

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

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

Gyle Square (NSS Head Office), 1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

Advanced Electronic Signature Consulting Services

Reference number

NP605421

#### **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**

Consultancy service to identify suitable sourcing and solution approaches for fulfilling the legal and business requirements of an Advanced Electronic Signature (AES), as a replacement for the wet signature method of prescribing medicines in the community.

#### **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: £114,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

NHS Scotland has identified the need to remove the wet signature and fully digitise the prescribing process as a strategic and operational priority.

This award is for a consultancy service to identify suitable sourcing and solution approaches for fulfilling the legal and business requirements of an Advanced Electronic Signature (AES), as a replacement for the wet signature method of prescribing medicines in the community.

The work is critical in enabling Scottish Government commissioners to make informed decisions on suitable sourcing and solution approaches for AES.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Relevant CV's / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Method Statement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Project Plan / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Reference / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: 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

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

Explanation:

An ITT for the requirement was published on the Scottish Government's Digital and Technology Services Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to all 188 suppliers on Lot 2, Digital Technology Resources. No bids were received. Note: this is a highly specialised area of expertise where the challenge of finding a suitable supplier was known. Following the procurement exercise, Gartner were contacted (under the Gartner professional service contract) to ask if they could fulfil the requirement or suggest potential suppliers. Gartner offered a solution, submitted a proposal and the project team agreed that Gartner's proposal meets the requirements listed within the initial ITT. To ensure impartiality, Gartner will be unable to tender for any subsequent requirement that arises through this work

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

NP605421

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 January 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 0

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Gartner UK Ltd

93 George Street

Edinburgh

EH12 3ES

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £114,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts

(Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.