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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")

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NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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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

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

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

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

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.