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Contract

DAC 156/22 - DVA - Provision of Professional Medical Advisory Services relating to DVA Licence Applications

Department for Infrastructure

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a7c1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Infrastructure

10-18 Adelaide St

BELFAST

BT28GB

Email

ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DAC 156/22 - DVA - Provision of Professional Medical Advisory Services relating to DVA Licence Applications

Reference number

DAC 156/22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This DAC is to provide medical fitness to drive assessment services to the DVA, acting on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure.

As a result of reducing resources and additional work demands, OHS' specialist medical assessment service provider are currently experiencing difficulties in delivering the

medical assessment service for driver and taxi licence applications which they carry out for the Driver & Vehicle Agency (an Agency of the Department for Infrastructure).

These are urgent, critical services. The ability to procure these services to support will safeguard the delivery of fitness to drive medical assessments to the DVA.

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: £4,400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This DAC is to provide medical fitness to drive assessment services to the DVA, acting on behalf of the Department for Infrastructure.

DVA are required to be satisfied that an applicant for or holder of a driving licence (including taxi driver licence) meets the required medical fitness to drive standards as part of the licensing consideration.

When the DVA receives information that a driver may be suffering from a medical condition that may impact on their ability to drive safely, staff in DVA will carry out an initial assessment on the information available and may be able to determine the application. However, when medical officer assessment is required, cases are referred to the qualified medical officers. Medical Officers may be able to assess the case on the information provided, may determine that further medical information is required or may determine that a specialist medical assessment is required, in which case the driver is referred to the specialist medical assessment service provider. As a result of reducing resources and additional work demands, OHS' medical assessment service are currently experiencing difficulties in delivering the medical assessment service for driver assessments which they carry out for the Driver & Vehicle Agency (an Agency of the Department for Infrastructure).

These are urgent, critical services. The ability to procure these services to support will

safeguard the delivery of fitness to drive medical assessments to the DVA. There are capacity and capability issues in this sector, with competing demand for resources in both the private and public sector and the Department must act quickly to secure essential support. This DAC provides support for a period of up to 24 months. During this time DVA will continue to consider options and seek to implement a longer term solution to secure the provision of fitness to drive medical assessments. Services must be covered in the interim to cover statutory responsibilities. These are urgent, critical, citizen facing services. There is no option to do nothing and it is in the public interest to expedite the appointment of a contractor.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Capability and capacity / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The value at II.1.7 is the maximum value, it is based on the best estimate available at time of publication.

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 provider is an established and experienced medical services provider, and they have confirmed that they can deliver the medical fitness to drive assessments to assist the DVA. The ability to procure these services to support DVA activities will safeguard the delivery of critical, citizen facing services.

Approval is being sought to procure these services through a Direct Award Contract (DAC) as an interim arrangement while longer term solutions are implemented.

Under Regulation 32 of PCR 2015 (as amended), there are derogations to award a contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier. In this case specifically applying the derogation under Regulation 32(2)(c) whereby it is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with.

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

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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

3 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

3fivetwo Healthcare

21 Old Channel Road

Belfast

BT3 9DE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK has no such bodies

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom