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Award

PHE - Corporate - ICT - The provision of SHIELD Epidemiology Database Services via Nuvia

Public Health England

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PHE - Corporate - ICT - The provision of SHIELD Epidemiology Database Services via Nuvia

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48610000 - Database systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Public Health England, an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social and Care (DH) (hereafter referred to as "Public Health England" or "PHE" also referred to as the "Contracting Authority" or the "Authority" or the "Employer") is in agreement with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) for the approved sub-contractor Nuvia Limited for the provision of Epidemiology Services associated with the SHIELD database under the main contract with NDA.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £528,000 / Highest offer: £665,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

PHE have had a contract with the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) to run their radiation epidemiology research programme which includes the management of The British Nuclear Fuels Ltd (BNFL) and The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) radiation epidemiology cohorts. The BNFL cohort is directly managed by PHE using the, NDA owned, CEDS database system. The management of the UKAEA cohort is contracted to a third party, NUVIA Ltd. A new contract with Nuvia for two years (with a potential additional 6-month contingency) will allow NUVIA to complete the current project to create a new database system for NDA. This system will allow PHE continue to fulfil the terms of our contract with the NDA to manage their radiation worker databases or preferably (subject to agreement) to take ownership of these databases and merge them with the NRRW to provide a higher quality unique resource for undertaking epidemiological research. The BNFL and UKAEA cohorts contain several types of data not currently available in The National Registry for Radiation Workers (NRRW).

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

PHE have already reached the maximum value of the contract and any further extension would take it over 50% increased allowed by PCR Reg. 72. Therefore, the direct award of a new contract is based on PCR Reg. 32.2b (ii) which state that; The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:— (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons. A new contract with Nuvia for two years (with a potential additional 6-month contingency) will allow NUVIA to complete the current project to create a new database system for NDA. This system will allow PHE continue to fulfil the terms of our contract with the NDA to manage their radiation worker databases or preferably (subject to agreement) to take ownership of these databases and merge them with the NRRW to provide a higher quality unique resource for undertaking epidemiological research. The BNFL and UKAEA cohorts contain several types of data not currently available in The National Registry for Radiation Workers (NRRW).

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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Nuvia Limited

Chadwick House Birchwood Park, Risley, Warrington, WA3 6AE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £665,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Not applicable

Not applicable

Country

United Kingdom