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Contract

Drug Knowledge Base for Electronic Health and Care Record

Business Services Organisation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029222

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Business Services Organisation

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BELFAST

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Drug Knowledge Base for Electronic Health and Care Record

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72250000 - System and support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

HSC Business Services Organisation intends to enter into an agreement with First Data Bank (FDB) UK for the provision of FDB Multilex. Multilex is FDB UK's proprietary software which provides medicines optimisation and clinical decision support for medicines management for the purposes of embedding within the encompass Programme Epic electronic health and care record.

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: £5,644,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48422000 - Software package suites
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Epic product that has been procured to deliver the encompass Programme across HSCNI requires the purchase and configuration and embedding of a drug knowledge base which meets the following standards:

- a NICE accredited clinical decision support module
- a drug dictionary that is compliant with the NHS Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d) standard (SCCI0052)
- includes GS1 barcodes to enable compliance with the Falsified Medicines Directive (Directive 2011/62/EU). (Note: Northern Ireland is still expected to comply with this Directive under the Northern Ireland Protocol following EU Exit).

Key functionality required by encompass and delivered by the embedding of a drug knowledge base includes:

- o A drug dictionary that is compliant with the dm+d standard (SCCI0052).

- o NHS Indicative Pricing
- o EAN/GS1 Barcodes
- o British National Formulary Warnings (Mandatory Instructions)
- o Drug - drug interactions
- o Sensitivity checking
- o Duplicate therapy checking
- o Patient condition checking (Contraindications and Precautions)
- o Warnings
- o Dose range check (DRC)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

First Data Bank (FDB) UK is the provider of Multilex. The FDB Multilex drug knowledge base embeds with existing Epic workflows to enable bar coded medicines administration, clinical decision support and inventory management. FDB Multilex drug knowledge base is used in all UK Epic installations and is the only drug knowledge base product available with the core functionality required by encompass. The Authority is relying on Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) as the contract can only be supplied by FDB UK as competition is absent for technical reasons.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DAC9363

Title

Drug Knowledge Base for Electronic Health and Care Record

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 March 2021

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

First Data Bank UK

Exeter

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK4 - Devon

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,644,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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