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Award

Contract for the supply of a solar installation at the RUH

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/>

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

Contract for the supply of a solar installation at the RUH

Reference number

R/15215/COMM/BB/0225

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09330000 - Solar energy

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

A contract for a community-funded solar installation. Funded by the local community through a 'Community Benefit Society. Contract will remain in place for 25 years.'

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: £5,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09332000 - Solar installation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A contract for a community-funded solar installation. Funded by the local community through a 'Community Benefit Society. Contract will remain in place for 25 years via a Direct Award.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (referred to as "RUH") intends to award a contract under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) to Bath and West Community Solar 3 Limited, (referred to as Bath and West) for the supply and installation of a community funded, solar panel system, for a period of twenty-five (25) years.

This contract will involve the RUH granting a lease to Bath and West to install solar panel technology in available roof space above the hospital estate. In exchange, Bath and West will provide a community funded solar installation, raised via their community benefit society. RUH will be enabled to purchase electricity generated at a discounted rate to that currently paid from a grid supply. It is estimated that the Trust will use 100% of the electricity generated by the solar installation.

Bath and West is a not-for-profit organisation, based in the Bath area, with key locally

based funding streams and evidence of other community funded projects that benefit the local area. They develop renewable energy projects for community ownership and generate benefits through the use of community funds.

In awarding to Bath and West, RUH is satisfying key strategic targets for the ongoing delivery of sustainable and social value projects.

- 1) The RUH does not have capital funding available to procure solar panels, Therefore, awarding a contract to this organisation will enable the Trust to modernise its energy provision without having to provide capital outlay.
- 2) The installation will utilise the currently unused roof space and will not impact on the surrounding landscape of the Trust.
- 3) RUH has key social value and sustainability targets, which include increasing ties with the local community through partnership projects and achieving carbon net zero. Bath and West can demonstrate other renewable energy projects within the local area, providing education and information regarding the benefits of renewable energy and providing a bridge between the Trust and local community support and development. Awarding a contract to this company will demonstrate improved delivery of social value targets and improved sustainability including the delivery of Carbon net zero aspirations.

RUH has reviewed the factors described in the proposal and considered Bath and West's niche position in the local area and have assessed that awarding this contract enables the Trust to satisfy an optimal combination of commercial, sustainability and social value targets.

RUH will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of this notice before entering into a contract with Bath and West Bath and West Community Solar 3 Limited.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

19 February 2025

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

Bath and West Community Solar 3 Limited

Vox Studios W106, 1-45 Durham Street, Vauxhall, London, United Kingdom

Bath

BA1 3NG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

National registration number

14102306

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

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