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Contract

## **Full-text fulfilment tool for the NHS in England - Health Education England**

Health Education England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-006413

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a07e

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Health Education England

Blenheim House, Duncombe Street

LEEDS

LS14PL

#### **Contact**

Laura Devine

#### **Email**

[laura.devine@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:laura.devine@hee.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.hee.nhs.uk](http://www.hee.nhs.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.hee.nhs.uk](http://www.hee.nhs.uk)

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Full-text fulfilment tool for the NHS in England - Health Education England

Reference number

DN528159

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Health Education England (HEE - the Commissioner) put out a notice as a PIN (Prior Information Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award.

The contracting authority made clear its intention to direct award the contract to Third Iron. The case for direct award was made available on the tender portal.

The financial envelope for the contract is £308,000.

The PIN link is: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/003386-2021>

This is the associated Award notice.

#### **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: £308,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

England

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

1. Well established experience of working in partnership with EBSCO to enable seamless integration with the EBSCO Discovery Service, which is being deployed across the NHS in England.
2. Ability to deploy at scale: across the NHS in England there are approximately 400 OpenAthens organisational identities, 280 discovery service instances and 185 library services.
3. Extensive experience of working with NHS organisations to provide full-text fulfilment services for the healthcare workforce.
4. Experience of providing technical support, advice and documentation to NHS library and IT professionals.
5. Evidence of proactive product development based on library and user feedback and trends in the digital publishing and discovery landscape, and willingness to work in partnership on projects to provide bespoke enhancements for NHS users.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## 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:

A PIN notice was placed via ProContract as a Call for Competition, the notice was live for 30 days.

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Call for competition

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

DN528159

### 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**

29 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**

Third Iron

St. Paul, MN

55127

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £308,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £308,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Health Education England

Leeds

LS1 4PL

Country

United Kingdom