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Contract

Senior Responsible Officer for nVCC

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (on behalf of Velindre University NHS Trust)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

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

Senior Responsible Officer for nVCC

Reference number

VEL-VEA-(24-25)162

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Velindre University NHS Trust wishes to enter into a Contract to appoint a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the new Velindre Cancer Centre (nVCC) project.

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: £258,400

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

Velindre University NHS Trust

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The new Velindre Cancer Centre Project (nVCC) is of national importance in improving the quality of cancer services and outcomes to patients at a local, regional and national level. The nVCC project is currently in the construction phase, and the Trust has received recommendations to appoint a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the duration of the project in accordance with best practice set out by the Infrastructure Projects Authority (IPA): Project Delivery: Guidance (2023).

The Trust is contracting for a service to deliver the requirements of the nVCC Senior Responsible Officer role. The main services/outputs required are:

- Providing assurance to the Trust Board on the nVCC Project delivery.
- Supporting the Project Director in the implementation of the project.
- Holding the nVCC Project Director to account for successful project delivery (on time; to cost and quality).

Provides Oversight and assurance:

- Effectively chairs the nVCC project board and makes decisions regarding the future of

the project while considering changes to the overall political, social, environmental or technological context and prevailing risk.

- Ensures corrective and preventative actions are taken as needed.
- Ensures the solution fulfils government policy (MiM) and maintains its ONS classification.
- Ensures the nVCC project delivers all the outcomes, solutions and benefits as defined in the contract and the Full Business Case.
- Keeps the sponsoring body (WG) informed of progress, risks and issues and refers to them any decisions which are within or above their delegated authority.

Project Specific Accountabilities:

- Is accountable for the delivery of all the design elements included in the contract.
- Is accountable for the effective oversight of the nVCC construction. Highlighting formally any concerns raised by the Project Director and team.
- Is accountable for the delivery of the Trust's commercial obligations as set out in the Project Agreement as to prevent any unnecessary compensation events.
- Is accountable for the oversight of key interdependencies including the Equipment interface and for putting in place mitigations.
- Holds Acorn to account for their delivery and contractual obligations.
- Is accountable for providing a building fit for occupation and use by clinical teams from across the service.

The Trust has undertaken engagement with other authorities to seek a better understanding of the requirement and availability of SRO's, and has identified the market is niche with limited individuals able to deliver this role. The engagement has identified;

- The market for SROs with this experience is very specialist
- There are very few individuals with the required level of experience
- A high number of individuals with this experience work as contractors providing a service to either the New Hospitals Programme; and/or the Trusts delivering the new hospitals project.
- There were a number of other potential roles of a similar nature likely to be available in

England as the New Hospitals Programme commenced and the recruitment of a high calibre/suitably qualified and experienced individual may be a challenge.

The Trust has undertaken an open competitive recruitment process advertised Nationally, the process was conducted in December 2024 through to February 2025, the most suitable candidate was identified through this process, and the Trust wishes to enter into a contract for the SRO role to be delivered as a service.

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

Explanation:

Velindre University NHS Trust requires a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the nVCC Project that has the necessary skills, knowledge, experience and technical ability to undertake the role. The Trust has undertaken an open competitive recruitment process and has identified the most suitable candidate through this process that holds the necessary skills, knowledge, experience and technical ability. The Trust wishes to enter into a Contract to deliver the SRO role as a service, and believes due to the niche and specialist nature of the role only this individual would be able to undertake the role.

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

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £258,400

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Trust observed a ten (10) calendar day standstill period prior to entering into a contract which ended at Midnight on Monday 24th February 2024 (that being the first working day following 10 calendar days of related Voluntary ex Ante Transparency notice being published, counting day 1 as the day following publication).

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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