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## **NP503224 Diabetic Eye Screening (DES) Support System**

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

#### **Contact**

Jim Binnie

#### **Email**

[jim.binnie@nhs.scot](mailto:jim.binnie@nhs.scot)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

NP503224 Diabetic Eye Screening (DES) Support System

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice. The provision of hosting and ongoing support for software in which the contracting authority holds a perpetual licence and which is used to support the administration of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme by NHS Scotland.

#### **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: £3,214,022

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

The provision of hosting and ongoing support for software in which the contracting authority holds a perpetual licence and which is used to support the administration of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme by NHS Scotland which in turn delivers critical clinical services to citizens. The proposed contract will provide continuity of service based upon the existing solution in which there has been significant prior investment, development of expertise within the user community and on which the current operational processes through which the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme in Scotland is delivered rely. The Contracting Authority has embarked upon a programme of work which will consider how the national screening programmes should be supported by IT systems in the future. This contract provides continuity of service for the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme over the envisaged timescales for that review programme and any associated transition to successor arrangements arising from the outcomes of that programme. The contract will be for a period of five years with an additional two one year optional extensions at the discretion of the contracting authority.

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

As per Regulation 33 (1) (b) (iii). The provision of hosting and ongoing support for software in which the contracting authority holds a perpetual licence and which is used to support the administration of the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme by NHS Scotland which in turn delivers critical clinical services to citizens. The proposed contract will provide continuity of service based upon the existing solution in which there has been significant prior investment, development of expertise within the user community and on which the current operational processes through which the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme in Scotland is delivered rely. The Contracting Authority has embarked upon a programme of work which will consider how the national screening programmes should be supported by IT systems in the future. This contract provides continuity of service for the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme over the envisaged timescales for that review programme and any associated transition to successor arrangements arising from the outcomes of that programme. The contract will be for a period of five years with an additional two one year optional extensions at the discretion of the contracting authority.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

NP503224

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 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**

NEC Software Solutions UK Limited

BizSpace, 1st floor, iMex centre, 575-599 Maxted Road

Hemel Hempstead

HP2 7DX

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: £3,214,022

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:791698)

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1DL

Email

[edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 days if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which the Authority despatches the VEAT notice and the date on which the Authority proposes to conclude the relevant contract.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the contract until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the contract has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the contract to the winning tenderer.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority after the contract has been entered into will not affect the contract unless grounds for the imposition of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established.

Otherwise, the remedies that maybe awarded by the courts where the contract has been entered into are limited to the award of damages.