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Mid and South Essex Termination of Pregnancy Services

NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-007495

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0323e1

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

Chelmsford

CM2 5PF

Email

amy.wilson@attain.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKH3 - Essex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://middlessexccg.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

Mid and South Essex Termination of Pregnancy Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex ante transparency notice and is intended to provide notice of the Authority's intention to award a contract to deliver Termination of Pregnancy Services, covering the population of Mid and South Essex for a period of 12 months, from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023.

This notice is made by the Contracting Authorities; NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG, NHS Southend CCG, NHS Basildon and Brentwood CCG, and NHS Thurrock CCG (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) in compliance with their local standing financial instructions (SFIs).

The aggregate contract value is forecasted at £2,075,023 (including VAT) over the one-year term, equating to £1,729,186 (excluding VAT).

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: £1,729,186

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Mid and South Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Contracting Authority is yet to agree appropriate inflation and uplift for this contract for the period of 2022/23. These will be dealt with as Contract Variations in accordance with the NHS Standard Contract Terms and Conditions. The Authority deems any such variations are not substantial or material changes, as they occur due to external causes beyond the Authority's control, including changes in contract value driven by changes in patient volume. The Authority will publish appropriate Notices accordingly to communicate any such future changes to the market, once final.

The Authority will observe a 10-day standstill from the date of publication of this VEAT, during which the CCGs will not enter into any contractual arrangement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The Service to which this procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended by as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, (the "Regulations"). As such, the Contracting Authority does not intend to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services.

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:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

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The Authority is currently in a transitional period with the expectation to be superseded as a statutory body, by an Integrated Care Board in late 2022. The organisation shall have a key function as part of the overall Integrated Care System. At the current time, longer-term strategies across all sectors are under discussion and longer term commissioning decisions and or procurements cannot take place until these legal arrangements are confirmed.

The Authority has therefore taken a decision to award a contract to the incumbent provider as it is considered to be the most technically capable provider in the current environment, whilst transitioning to the ICB, to ensure quality, safety and consistency in provision of care that meet the needs of the population during this transition period.

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

Title

Mid and South Essex Termination of Pregnancy Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 March 2022

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

MSI REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES

1 Conway Street, Fitzroy Square

London

W1T 6LP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

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: £1,729,186

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authorities participating in the publication of this VEAT and the award of the contract communicated herein are:

NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (as lead commissioner)

Wren House, Colchester Road

Chelmsford

CM2 5PF

<https://midessexccg.nhs.uk/>

NHS Basildon & Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group

Phoenix House, Christopher Martin Road, Basildon , SS14 3HG

<https://basildonandbrentwoodccg.nhs.uk/>

NHS Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group

Pearl House, 12 Castle Road, Rayleigh. SS6 7QF

<https://castlepointandrochfordccg.nhs.uk/>

NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group

6th Floor, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 9SB

<https://southendccg.nhs.uk/>

NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group

Civic Offices 2nd Floor, New Road, Grays. RM17 6SL

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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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