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Contract

Medical Assessments: Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme

NHS Business Services Authority

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-008036

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e38f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Business Services Authority

Stella House, Goldcrest Way, Newburn Riverside

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE15 8NY

Contact

NHSBSA Commercial Services

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbsa.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

Medical Assessments: Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme

Reference number

21_08_08 C72427

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for the provision of medical assessments in relation to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (VDPS). Further information on the scheme can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/vaccine-damage-payment/eligibility>

VDPS eases the present and future burdens of those suffering from vaccine damage and provides assistance to their families. The assessment determines the causation and disablement as a result of vaccinations against specified diseases as set out in the VDPS.

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: £6,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 66512200 - Health insurance services
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The services required are for Medical Assessments of the evidence being presented by applicants making a claim under the VDPS. An 'Assessment' is the end-to-end process to assess causation and level of disablement against the medical evidence presented in relation to a Claimant's health condition and/or disability.

The Supplier is required to undertake all appropriate action to complete the assessment. This may include gathering evidence from the most appropriate source/reference/expert/specialist to ensure a definitive view can be provided.

Historically, the average number of annual assessments is c100 however volumes have increased following the addition of Covid and Adult Flu vaccinations to the VDPS. There is no minimum (or maximum) commitment to the number of assessments that will be required under the contract as the scheme is demand driven. It is estimated that in year one of the contract there will be c1500-1800 claims that will require assessment within the first year of the contract. It is estimated that after year 1 of the contract the number of assessments will between 100-1000 assessments will be required per annum.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

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 estimated value set out in the Contract Notice (2021/S 000-028514) was 6000000GBP ex VAT. As per the Contract Notice, this estimate could be affected by the variable volume of assessments required over the term of the Contract and the value could therefore be more or less than the amount stated in section II.1.7.

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

The Contracting Authority received 2 (two) bids following the publication of a Contract Notice on 15th November 2021 (ref 2021/S 000-028514). Neither bid fully met all of the published criteria.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 March 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 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

Crawford and Company

The Hallmark Building, 106 Fenchurch Street

London

EC3M 5JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02908444

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: £6,000,000

Lowest offer: £6,000,000 / Highest offer: £6,000,000 taken into consideration

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Design and oversight/assurance of the clinical governance framework

Review and approve the fully vetted panel of experts/Medical Assessors

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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