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Provision of Alternative Provider of Medical Services (APMS) Contracts under six Lots across Thurrock and Southend

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-008175

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0366ba

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Alternative Provider of Medical Services (APMS) Contracts under six Lots across Thurrock and Southend

Reference number

ACE-0596-2022-MSE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a Contract Award Notice to communicate the outcome of a procurement for the provision of Alternative Provider of Medical Services (APMS) Contracts under six Lots across Thurrock and Southend. The Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") for this procurement was: NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB). The aim of the procurement was to award contracts for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, to deliver Primary Medical Services across all six Lots, via Alternative Provider of Medical Services (APMS) contracts.

The services will continue to be provided at the existing sites and the Authority wish to ensure that there is no interruption to patients' continuity of care and access requirements. The Authority has undertaken a single one-stage procurement under the Light Touch Regime for all six contracts, with each acting as a separate and individual 'lot' and subsequent contract, to enable the mobilisation of the new provider from 1 April 2023 for Lots 1, 2 3, 4 and 6 and from 1st July 2023 for Lot 5.

- Lot 1 - Y00999 - Oddfellows Health Centre & St Clements Health Centre - commencing 1st April 2023

until 31st March 2038

- Lot 2 - F81110 - Tilbury Health Centre - commencing 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2038

- Lot 3 - Y02807 - Thurrock Health Centre - commencing 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2038

- Lot 4 - F81206 - Commonwealth Health Centre - commencing 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2038

- Lot 5 - Y00033 - Purfleet Care Centre - commencing 1st July 2023 until 30th June 2038

- Lot 6 - F81684 - North Shoebury Surgery - commencing 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2038

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The aim was for each contract to be awarded for a period of 15 years to give greater certainty to the provider to improve value for money, ability to recruit, willingness to invest time and resources. The aggregate value of the contract across all 6 Lots including maximum Allowable Mobilisation Budget) as advertised in Find a Tender Service was proposed at £91,153,559 (£91,003,559 minus the maximum Allowable Mobilisation Budget).

On 18th January 2023, the Authority published a Contract Award Notice in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) (2023/S 000-001557) to confirm an award was made for all six Lots to Spirit Healthcare Ltd, however since that time, the Contracts for each of the six Lots have not been able to be executed between the Preferred Bidder and the Authority, with sufficient time to ensure safe and effective mobilisation prior to 1st April 2023. As such this Corrigendum is being published to provide clarity to the market regarding the changes to the status of the procurement and award decision since 18th January 2023.

A decision has been made by the Preferred Bidder to step away from the Contract and not proceed to signature. As such, a decision has been made by the Authority to cancel the procurement and put in place emergency arrangements with incumbent providers to ensure continuity of provision of Primary Care Services for the population associated with each of the six lots across Southend and Thurrock. Appropriate Notices will be issued to the market in due course to provide clarity about the Authority's intended approach.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2023/S 000-001557](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1) Information to be changed or added

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

Section II

Place of text to be modified

II.1.4) Short description

Instead of

Text

The Contracting Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") for this procurement was NHS Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB). On the 6th October 2022, the Authority invited responses from suitably qualified and experienced providers (via publication of a Contract Notice in FTS, reference 2022-043094) to deliver Primary Medical Services across up to six Lots, via Alternative Provider of Medical Services (APMS) contract(s) for a period of 15 years.

Contracts for Lots 1 to 4 and Lot 6 will run from 01/04/23 - 31/03/38, and the contract for Lot 5 will run from 01/07/23 - 30/06/38. The aggregate value (forecasted financial entitlement) of the contract across all 6 Lots is £91,153,559, including up to £25,000 Allowable Mobilisation Budget on a cost incurred basis, per Lot, in Year 1). (The financial entitlement across all six Lots, minus the allowable mobilisation budget is £91,003,559).

The Lots:

- Lot 1 - Y00999 - Oddfellows Health Centre & St Clements Health Centre - commencing 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2038
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The contract that is being entered into by the Authority and the Preferred Bidder will be governed by the Standard Alternative Provider of Medical Services (APMS) Contract.

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The Services fall within Section 7 (Social and Other Specific Services) listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (the "Light Touch" Regime).

Section number

Section V

Lot No

1

Place of text to be modified

A contract/lot is awarded

Instead of

Text

Yes

Read

Text

No

Section number

Section V

Lot No

2

Place of text to be modified

A contract/lot is awarded

Instead of

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No

Section number

Section V

Lot No

3

Place of text to be modified

A contract/lot is awarded

Instead of

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Section number

Section V

Lot No

4

Place of text to be modified

A contract/lot is awarded

Instead of

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Section number

Section V

Lot No

5

Place of text to be modified

A contract/lot is awarded

Instead of

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Yes

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Text

No

Section number

Section V

Lot No

6

Place of text to be modified

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Yes

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No

VII.2) Other additional information

The Authority is publishing this Contract Award Notice in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended by The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) for spend above £663,540.

The Services fall within Section 7 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended The Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) (the "Regulations"). Neither the inclusion of a Selection Questionnaire / Qualification Stage, nor the use of the terms Open or One-Stage procedure, Invitation to Tender Process Overview, Invitation to Tender, nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Authority intend to hold themselves bound by any of the Regulations save those applicable to Public Contracts for Social and Other Specific Services listed in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (the "Light Touch" Regime).