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Contract

## **Connexus Invitation to Tender for Digital Community Alarms**

Connexus Homes Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03347b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKG - West Midlands (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.connexus-group.co.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA7601](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA7601)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Other type

Housing Association

**I.5) Main activity**

Housing and community amenities

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Connexus Invitation to Tender for Digital Community Alarms

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

As part of the digital switchover, Connexus are looking for a transformative digital solution to replace its existing Community Alarm provision which is not compatible with the new digital standards within existing schemes to ensure it fully functions once analogue services are switched off. This will mean that vulnerable adults across the schemes will continue to have access to this provision without any interruptions in their service.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products
- 85323000 - Community health services
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 32546000 - Digital switching equipment
- 35121700 - Alarm systems
- 32550000 - Telephone equipment

- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32572000 - Communications cable
- 98330000 - Physical well-being services

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

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of
- UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Across Herefordshire and Shropshire

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

A social alarm is an alarm device that is installed in an individual's home or communal area which makes it possible for that individual to call for assistance in both urgent and non-urgent situations. These calls are linked to a staff member or support centre who will support the individual to address the issue over the telephone or call for assistance as appropriate to the situation.

Public switched telephone network (PSTN) that delivers analogue landline phone services is planned to be switched off in 2025. This network is being replaced by a digital infrastructure (Voice over Internet Protocol or IP voice). This will mean that the existing community alarms equipment installed across the Independent Living Schemes managed by Connexus may be affected.

As part of the digital switchover, Connexus are looking for a transformative digital solution to replace its existing Community Alarm provision which is not compatible with the new digital standards within existing schemes to ensure it fully functions once analogue services are switched off. This will mean that vulnerable adults across the schemes will continue to have access to this provision without any interruptions in their service.

The ambition is to achieve a product that is cost effective, with little to no maintenance responsibilities and preferably not to have to use existing infrastructure.

The aim of this tender is to appoint a provider to carry out this work based on our specification requirements in our Invitation to Tender Document.

Any works would need to be completed in line with BT's digital switchover programme which is proposed to be complete by 2025.

Flexibility and adaptability will be required within the programme of works due to the nature of Connexus' customers, the life protecting nature of the solution and the phasing of BT's switchover programme.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: as per procurement docs / 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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-021838](#)

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

### **Contract No**

N/a

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(MT Ref:229006)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Telephone

+44 3450103503

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079476000

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will incorporate a minimum ten calendar day standstill period at the point of information on the award of the Contract(s) to be awarded at conclusion of the procurement exercise begun by publication of the contract notice is communicated to tenderers. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by breach of those regulations to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Generally, any such action must be brought within thirty days from the date the aggrieved party knew or ought to have known about the alleged breach. Where the contract(s) have not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract(s) have been entered into the court may only award damages or where the award procedures have not been followed correctly may in certain circumstances declare the contract to be 'ineffective'.

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The Cabinet Office

Correspondence Team, Cabinet Office, Whitehall

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United Kingdom