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Award

NHSScotland Frameworks Scotland 3 Extension

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

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ebf7

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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)

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Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

Email

nss.hfsframeworkscotland@nhs.scot

Telephone

+44 1412071820

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

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

NHSScotland Frameworks Scotland 3 Extension

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Extension to Frameworks Scotland 3 – Principal Supply Chain Partner framework for a duration up to a maximum of 24 months.

The value referred to in this notice within sections II.1.7 and V.2.4 refers to the initial value of the original framework procurement which is not anticipated to be exceeded during the extension period.

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: £650,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 71200000 - Architectural and related services
- 71220000 - Architectural design services
- 71221000 - Architectural services for buildings
- 71222000 - Architectural services for outdoor areas
- 71223000 - Architectural services for building extensions
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 71400000 - Urban planning and landscape architectural services
- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services
- 45000000 - Construction work

- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45110000 - Building demolition and wrecking work and earthmoving work
- 45111000 - Demolition, site preparation and clearance work
- 45111100 - Demolition work
- 45111200 - Site preparation and clearance work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The extension is required due to the current uncertainty around capital funding within NHSScotland which has continued through 2024/2025. With a number of projects already paused or cancelled, the future pipeline beyond the one-year Scottish Government Budget in December 2024 will not be known. Therefore, with such future pipeline uncertainty, it is not possible to go to the market to procure a replacement for Frameworks Scotland 3 at this time as the arrangement may not support delivery of the type / scale / complexity of projects to be delivered. The procurement strategy for the successor arrangement is in development, however at present the strategy is being developed on the basis of the future pipeline scenarios. It is anticipated, that by extending Frameworks Scotland 3 by up to a maximum period for 24 months, this will enable greater clarity around future pipeline and service needs. This should enable the future project delivery model and associated future procurement to be able to deliver the future NHSScotland Capital Programme. Should the current position change in the short term, then the procurement of the successor arrangement will commence. The new successor arrangement will be used for capital project delivery immediately following award which may be prior to expiry of the proposed extension to Frameworks Scotland 3.

Due to the cancellation and pausing of projects over the last 9-12 months, combined with the reduction in activity during the pandemic between 2020-2022, the anticipated spend through Frameworks Scotland 3 has been significantly below the stated contract value within the published Contract Notice. Therefore any future call-off from the framework during the 24-month extension period, should not exceed the original value in the Contract Notice. Furthermore, it is anticipated that the volume of activity will be limited by the current capital constraints.

The justification for the framework extension shall be on the basis of Regulation 72 (1) (c)

where all of the following conditions are fulfilled—

- (i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen;
- (ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract or framework;
- (iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50 % of the initial contract value or Framework Agreement.

A modification notice will be issued via Public Contract Scotland portal on conclusion of the VEAT notice period, confirming a modification to the existing contract under Regulation 72 (1) (c).

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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

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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This notice is intended to notify the market of the intention to issue a modification for the contract under Regulation 72 (1) (c).

The date in section V.2.1 is the date of award of the original Framework Agreement. The Modification of the Framework Agreement has not been entered into prior to publication of this VEAT notice.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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: [2021/S 047-119371](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

6 November 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Balfour Beatty Construction Limited

Ravelston Terrace

Edinburgh

EH4 3TP

Telephone

+44 7580473753

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

BAM Construction Scotland

Kelvin House, Buchanan Gate Business Park

Stepps

G33 6FB

Telephone

+44 1417798888

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

John Graham Construction Ltd, t/a Graham

1 Seaward Place, Centurion Business Park

Glasgow

G41 1HH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Kier Construction

Buchanan Business Park, Stepps

Glasgow

G33 6HZ

Telephone

+44 7773575001

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

McLaughlin & Harvey

15 Trench Road, Mallusk

Mallusk

BT36 4TY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Robertson Construction Group

Robertson House,, Castle Business Park

Stirling

FK9 4TZ

Telephone

+44 7767562545

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £650,000,000

Lowest offer: £68,299,189 / Highest offer: £99,575,547 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:792227)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

Sheriff Court House 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

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 between the date on which the Authority despatches the VEAT notice and the date on which the authority proposes to issue the modification notice.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the framework agreement modification notice 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 framework agreement has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the framework agreement modification notice.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority after the framework agreement has been entered into will not affect the framework agreement unless grounds for the imposition of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established. Otherwise the remedies that may be awarded by the courts where the framework agreement has been entered into are limited to the award of damages.

