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## **NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Automatic Guided Vehicle Maintenance**

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-009315

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ecfd

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

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**NUTS code**

UKM82 - Glasgow City

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nhsggc.scot/about-us/procurement/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10722](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10722)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Automatic Guided Vehicle Maintenance

Reference number

GGC0952

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

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

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

Supplies

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

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board (hereafter referred to as 'The Board') require suitably qualified and experienced Contractor to provide AGV Maintenance services located at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital through a contract. Due to the closed loop Otsaw Swisslog Healthcare Robotics GmbH AGV system in place at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Aerocom (UK) Ltd are the only company that can maintain the AGV system located at our Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

#### **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: £800,000

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

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

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Main site or place of performance

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

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

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Therefore the best course of action to insure compliance with procurement regulations, and ensure the continued maintenance of these systems, is to publish a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice.

#### **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**

(SC793262)

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## **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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NHSGGC will publish a voluntary ex ante transparency (VEAT) notice on PCS. In accordance with: 'The Public Contracts (Scotland)

Regulations 2015, SSI 2015/446 1 91(7)(a)' , this will be published to protect NHSGGC against the risk of an ineffectiveness challenge to

the lawful direct award of a contract.

Additionally and in line with the practices of: Fairness; Openness and Transparency; the publication of this VEAT Notice has been

balanced against the risk that publication of this VEAT Notice may, in fact, increase awareness of the proposed direct award and increase

the risk of challenge.

A VEAT was the best legal procurement route to take because the disruption as a result of installing a new system would be significant and would have wide reaching consequences impacting: Staff; Patients and Services.

The contract will be in place until the 31/03/2030.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **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**

13 March 2025

#### **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**

Aerocom (UK) Limited

12 Vickery Way, Chetwynd Business Park

Chillwell

NG9 6RY

Telephone

+44 7736425556

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £800,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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

Glasgow Sheriff Court

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom