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Contract

HCC - 03/24 - The Provision of Toxicology Services

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-009815

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044cf7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire County Council

PEGS LANE

HERTFORD

SG138DQ

Email

strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire.aspx/Home>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

HCC2415731

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Hertfordshire County Council (the Council) has the requirement for the provision of a highly professional Toxicology Service. The service provider will be required to analyse tissue and body fluids for the detection of substances and assist the Coroner in the execution of his duty to investigate sudden unexpected deaths within the county, in accordance with the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

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: £420,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Statistics show that 36% of deaths within the county of Hertfordshire are reported to the coroner. Of these, 46% are subject to a post-mortem examination and 24% have toxicology analysis carried out.

The solution required is not easily available and is currently provided by specialist businesses who utilise trained scientists to perform these tests.

The County Council Coroner Service has an obligation to provide a professional, comprehensive, value for money service to the community of Hertfordshire and be accountable for the use of Public Funds.

The Council is intending to award this Contract to our existing provider following Direct Award Process C under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR)

The Contract will commence on the 1st April 2024 and will be for a four (4) year core period with the option to extend for up to a further two (2) years.

The approximate life time value of this Contract is as stated in II.1.7 above

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: 100%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for up to two (2) further years beyond the core four (4) years

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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 5th April 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

HCC2415713

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

8 Beech Hill Road

Sheffield

S10 2SB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE32 - Sheffield

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

NHS Trust

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: £420,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £420,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Written representation should be sent to:

Strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Details of the individual(s) making the award decision:

Richard Doggett

Steven Charteris

The existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract. The provider has been assessed against the relevant 5 key criteria and has passed the requirements.

There were no conflicts of interests identified.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Hertfordshire County Council

Pegs Lane

Hertford

SG13 8DQ

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Council will enter in to a 8 working day standstill period following publication of this Contract Award Notice before officially awarding the Contract in line with the requirements under the PSR

