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Contract

## **HCC - 03/24 - The Provision of Toxicology Services**

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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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](mailto: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](http://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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

HCC - 03/24 - The Provision of Toxicology Services

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**

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.

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

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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:

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

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## 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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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Written representation should be sent to:

[Strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto: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 into 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

