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Award

NHAIS Cache Licences

Business Services Organisation

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Scope

Reference

DAC20001

Description

Cache is the underlying database for the NHAIS application used primarily for GP registrations in Northern Ireland. These license's are required for the continued use of Cache for the ongoing use of the NHAIS system.??

£303,310.08 has been previously directed awarded to Intersystems for Cache licences to support the NHAIS system.

It is our intention to complete a further Direct Award to the value of £85,000 (exclusive of VAT). We wish to review this on an annual basis until 31st March 2029. It is expected that the new Cervical screening replacement Programme will be operational at this stage.

This notice has been publish to replace the previous notice which we have been unable to link - ocds-h6vhtk-04e933

Contract 1. NHAIS Cache Licences

Supplier

- [INTERSYSTEMS CORPORATION](#)

Contract value

- £85,000 excluding VAT
- £102,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 March 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

This DAC is for one year with provision to extend annually for an additional three years.

We will review the progress of the replacement Programme to understand whether we need to enter into the extensions. We will also review the Contract and assess the licence usage over the term of this Contract.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

Intersystems are the only supplier of these licences. Frameworks for Cache licences were considered, reviewed and eliminated. There was no reference to BSO on the Contract Award Notices. In addition, the scope of the required procurement does not appear to fit within the scope of the frameworks.

We wish to reply on schedule 5 section 5 (a) due to Intersystems having the intellectual property rights. They are the only supplier able to provide the services.

Supplier

INTERSYSTEMS CORPORATION

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United States

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. NHAIS Cache Licences

Contracting authority

Business Services Organisation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCQH-8657-NGMT

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland