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## **QAS Addressing Software**

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

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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)

1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

#### **Email**

[NSS.ITProcurement@nhs.scot](mailto:NSS.ITProcurement@nhs.scot)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1312756000

#### **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](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**

QAS Addressing Software

Reference number

NP500025

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

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

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

Services

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

The provision of software and support for software in which the contracting authority holds licence rights and which is used within a number of clinical and business systems for address verification and ancillary purposes.

#### **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: £530,984

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

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

The provision of software licencing and support for a number of software products in which the contracting authority holds licences rights and which are used within a number of clinical and business applications utilised by NHS Scotland Health Boards for address verification and ancillary purposes. The proposed contract will provide continuity of service based upon the existing use and on which the efficient delivery of NHS Scotland's services to citizens relies. The Contracting Authority has embarked upon a programme of work aimed at transitioning from the use of these products to alternatives that are available from a contractual arrangement that is administered by the Scottish Government known as the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement. This contract provides continuity of service to allow that programme of work to progress. The contract will be for a period of one year.

**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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The contracting authority holds licences rights which are used within a number of clinical and business applications utilised by NHS Scotland Health Boards for address verification and ancillary purposes. The proposed contract will provide continuity of service based upon the existing use and on which the efficient delivery of NHS Scotland's services to citizens relies. The Contracting Authority has embarked upon a programme of work aimed at transitioning from the use of these products to alternatives that are available from a contractual arrangement that is administered by the Scottish Government known as the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement. This contract provides continuity of service to allow that programme of work to progress. The contract will be for a period of one year

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

NP500025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

4 February 2026

#### **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**

Experian Limited

The Sir John Peace Building, Experian Way

Nottingham

NG80 1ZZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF14 - Nottingham

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £530,984

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:822953)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1DL

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 calendar days between the date on which the Authority despatches this VEAT notice and the date on which the Authority proposes to conclude the relevant contract.

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

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