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## **NEQAS External Quality Assessment IT System**

NWSSP

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221)

#### **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**

NEQAS External Quality Assessment IT System

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

The EQAITS controls all aspects of WBS' NEQAS service provision. It allows customers to register for schemes, to submit test results as well as to view results, summaries and reports via an online entry system. The system also allows NEQAS to manage participant information, schemes and the distribution of samples, assess and report results as well as manage annual registration and fees/invoicing.

##### **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: £135,300

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Continued contract provision is required whilst a replacement system is procured. The incumbent supplier is withdrawing support for the product following the expiry of this contract.

#### **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

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:

1 With effect from 01/03/2025 the Original Agreement shall be amended as set out as follows;

- The termination date shall now be extended to 28/02/2026. That is, a further 12-month extension period above the provision contained within the original contract.
- The service charges for the annual period shall be 35,000.00GBP (Exc. VAT)

2 Save the amendments stated above, all other terms and conditions of the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

NWSSP Procurement Services are satisfied that compliance is maintained with Reg. 72 of the Public Contract Regulations (2015) against criteria 72.1.b.i and 72.1.b.ii as:

- The proposed extension and costs do not exceed 50% of the original contract value.
- Indicative procurement activity has raised question marks on the affordability of procuring a new solution currently.
- The procuring of a new solution would duplicate costs already incurred as a result of building/implementing the current system.

Compliance is also maintained with 72.8.b as:

- The result of the original procurement would not have been altered by this contract change.

#### 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**

1 April 2024

#### **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**

Naqoda Systems Limited

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

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: £135,300

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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**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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