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## **ID 4231904 DAC55/22 - Stenography Services for Urology Services Inquiry and Muckamore Abbey Hospital Inquiry**

Department of Health

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0334e0

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

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

Department of Health

Castlebuildings, Stormont

BELFAST

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#### **Email**

[ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

#### **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**

ID 4231904 DAC55/22 - Stenography Services for Urology Services Inquiry and Muckamore Abbey Hospital Inquiry

Reference number

ID 4231904

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

- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services

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

Services

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

This is a direct award contract for the provision of Stenography Services for Urology Services Inquiry and Muckamore Abbey Hospital Inquiry. This contract is for a period of up to 3 years.

#### **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: £1,100,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: Total contract price / Weighting: 100

### **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 Department of Health (DoH) require Stenography Services for two public inquiries, DoH and CPD have exhausted all other procurement options due to timeframe and available stenography resources. This contract was therefor being awarded through the UK Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). There are allowances under the regulations to award a contract to a single supplier in cases where competition is absent for technical reasons (regulation 32(2)(b)(ii); or for reasons connected with the absence of competition for technical reasons.

#### **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**

6 May 2022

#### **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**

Gwen Malone Stenography Services

Dublin

Email

[ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

Internet address

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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: £1,100,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended

United Kingdom

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The authority will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) before this contract is awarded.