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Contract

The Provision of Quality Assurance Testing - Functional and Non Functional

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-011912

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0450b7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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London

E14 4PU

Contact

UKHSA

Email

procurement.operations@dhsc.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

The Provision of Quality Assurance Testing - Functional and Non Functional

Reference number

D&T11122

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The DevOps Quality Assurance and Testing (QAT) function play a pivotal role in ensuring the successful and high-quality delivery of software within UKHSA. Collaborating closely with programmes at every phase, the QAT team is dedicated to ensuring the delivery of top-tier products and services through testing and test assurance services. A key responsibility of the QAT team involves aiding programmes in formulating robust Testing Statements of Work (SOWs) by identifying crucial testing requirements during the project's early stages. The areas covered by QAT encompass various domains, including:

- Testing Consulting Services
- Test Assurance
- Functional Testing
- Non-functional Testing
- Functional Test Automation
- Integrating Testing in CI/CD Pipeline

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: £8,859,922.12

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This function holds critical significance within Technology, and any lapses in the provision of these services could expose UKHSA to potential service disruptions, strained partner relationships, serious reputational damage, and significant legal risk exposure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 0.55

Price - Weighting: 0.35

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Technical 55%

Social Value 10%

Price 35%

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ENTSERV UK LIMITED

Royal Pavilion, Wellesley Road

Aldershot

GU11 1PZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ37 - North Hampshire

National registration number

00053419

Internet address

<http://www.dxc.technology>

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: £9,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,859,922.12

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>