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Contract

## **Autism Schools Project**

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-012716

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03384a

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**NUTS code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Autism Schools Project

Reference number

C71128

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The Autism Schools Project aims to improve the understanding of autism and how personalisation and reasonable adjustments can be used to improve access to education and extracurricular activities within up to 20 secondary schools across London.

One organisation (a single-tender action) is being sought with extensive experience of Project Management to deliver the Autism Schools Project. The organisation must have developed a training package to deliver to educators, school staff and parent carer forum representatives that is approved and accredited by the Department for Education. The single organisation must have evidence of formally evaluating research or projects and programmes, and have a demonstrable ability to transfer funding/resources to schools and PCFs.

#### **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: £622,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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The organisation will also be required to have the knowledge and ability to introduce/coordinate sensory walks, in partnership with expert organisations where appropriate, and support the school in making subsequent environmental adaptations. A strong history of working with autistic people, their families and with parent carer forums is essential. The organisation should also have the relevant experience to identify and engage with other relevant services where identified as necessary such as CAMHS, OT and gender identity services.

This project will be overseen via the Learning Disability and Autism London region program and by a steering group including representation from parent carer forums and young people themselves

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

Price

#### **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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

A Future Opportunity Notice was published in Contracts Finder, calling for expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced organisations. National Autistic Society were the only organisation to come forwards

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **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**

22 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

National Autistic Society

391-393 City Road, London

London

EC1V 1NG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01205298

Internet address

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

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: £622,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £622,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

NHS England

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