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Contract

## **DOJ SPD - Provision of a Case Management System for the State Pathologist's Department**

Department of Justice - State Pathologist's Department

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

Department of Justice - State Pathologist's Department

Royal Victoria Hospital

BELFAST

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#### **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.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DOJ SPD - Provision of a Case Management System for the State Pathologist's Department

#### **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**

DOJ SPD - Case Management System for the State Pathologist's Department.

#### **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: £1,129,484.32

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72210000 - Programming services of packaged software products
- 72230000 - Custom software development services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72262000 - Software development services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services

- 72265000 - Software configuration services
- 72268000 - Software supply services
- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

DOJ SPD - Case Management System for the State Pathologist's Department.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criterion / Weighting: 40

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This contract will start on the Contract Commencement date and will run for an initial period of 7.5 years, this is to include a 18 month implementation period followed by 6 years' Service Commencement. There are 3 optional extension periods of 2 year each i.e. 2 + 2 + 2.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The core function of the State Pathologist's Department SPD is to provide an autopsy service for the Coroners Service for Northern Ireland. The SPD also has an important role in providing advice and guidance in other areas of forensic medicine to the police service, DOJ and courts. The SPD is an essential component of the justice system and carries out

on average 1,300 Coronial Post Mortem Examinations per annum. The State Pathologist and his department operate under Article 111 of the Criminal Justice Northern Ireland Order 1980 and the statutory duties of the SPD are set out within the Coroners Act 1959 and Coroners Practice and Procedure Rules NI 1963. The Department of Justice DOJ is responsible for employing forensic pathologists. The primary role of the SPD is to carry out autopsies to determine the cause of death when it occurs suddenly, suspiciously or unnaturally, preparing autopsy reports, and giving evidence at coroner inquests. The SPD supports the Police Service of Northern Ireland PSNI and the Public Prosecution Service of Northern Ireland PPS by attending scenes of death or crime, providing expert forensic pathology opinion and advice and giving evidence in court. In addition, the SPD uses valuable knowledge and information gained from postmortem examinations to develop and refine forensic pathology techniques, improve the treatment and healthcare of patients and in the prevention of further similar deaths.. A bespoke Case Management System CMS has been in operation since 2006. The system in place was initially designed as an electronic database to track case related information. It includes an email facility and standard Microsoft applications managed by IT Assist. It is a strategic priority to replace the current CMS with a flexible and adaptable system that allows SPD to deliver on its statutory obligations.. The Contractor must provide, develop and implement including testing and data migration and support a CMS solution that provides a robust new modernised CMS which enhances the extent and quality of management information and produces required data in a timely manner. The Objectives of this project are:• Compliance with relevant information assurance and information security policies;• Improved contract and technological flexibility;• Implementation of robust business continuity and disaster recovery arrangements for this line of business application;• Implementation of an electronic track and trace system that meets the requirements of the Human Tissue Authority; and. • The ability to generate meaningful management information.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-029706](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 May 2022

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

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

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

Due to the sensitive nature of this contract the supplier name will be withheld

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,129,484.32

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The figure indicated in II.1.5. represented an estimated contract value £1m and may increase during the life of the contract to accommodate changes in processing penalty

charge notifications, continuous improvements and advancements in technology. Any increases/modifications will be managed in accordance with the relevant public procurement regulations. In addition, neither CPD nor the Contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management. in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the Notice..

## **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 PCR 2015 as amended

United Kingdom

Country

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.