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Award

National Breast Screening System (NBSS) Contract Extension

NHS England

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Scope

Reference

C50898

Description

NBSS is the core IT software platform that is critical to the day to day operations of routine breast screening across England, Wales and Isle of Man. Since 2015 the NBSS Solution has been supported and delivered by Hitachi Digital Services UK Limited. Direct Award to restate and extend the existing contract which is an agreement for software support and development. The current contract has a term expiring on 31st May 2025, with an option to extend for a further 2 years to 31st May 2027. This contract is not being awarded by reference to lots. The value of this 2 year extension is up to £36m excluding VAT. Contact for enquiries: england.contractmanagement.DDAT@nhs.net

Contract 1. National Breast Cancer Screening System Extension 2025-2027

Supplier

- [Hitachi Digital Services UK Limited](#)

Contract value

- £36,000,000 excluding VAT
- £43,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 April 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2025 to 31 May 2027
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Variable costs for third party products and services are subject to consumption and are therefore estimated. Potential need to further extend if alternative strategy development is not successful. Uncertainty over future direction arising from reorganisation of DHSC & NHSE. Emerging policy changes to be addressed if arising. Emerging cyber threats to be addressed if arising. Legislative changes to be addressed if arising.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

National Breast Screening Service (NBSS) is a national system critical to the provision of Breast Screening services in England, Wales and IoM and provides the facility for making bookings, onwards referrals where needed and is the start of the complete patient journey where treatment may be needed. NBSS technology is 15-20 years old and has been developed during this time using VB6 as the basis for programming and development. NBSS is extremely complex due to the volume of (VB6) development that has accumulated over the 15+ years that the system has been in place. It is utilised by over 70 different Breast Screening Offices meaning that, for example, the process of rolling out new releases is time consuming and administratively complex. This new contract award (which is a restating of the previous contract) will provide service continuity while the future long term strategy for NBSS continues to be developed and subsequently implemented. It is justified under Section 41 (1) (a) and paragraph 6 (b) of Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023 on the basis that there are no reasonable alternatives for the provision of this service.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. National Breast Cancer Screening System Extension 2025-2027

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