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Contract

BNSSG ICB Community Optometry Project

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Integrated Care Board (ICB)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-017930

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046ed5

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Integrated Care Board (ICB)

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

BNSSG ICB Community Optometry Project

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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This pilot programme is intended to test the viability of a digital platform enabling the transfer of full volumetric Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) images and accompanying referral documents from Community Optometry practices to Hospital Eye Services (HES) to facilitate clinical decision making

and appropriate care.

The pilot will operate within a strict financial limit of £78,000 and the duration of the pilot shall be 12 months or when 2000 patients have been processed, whichever is the sooner.

If the pathway proves effective then it is the ICB's hope that it justifies the full procurement of a substantive, long-term agreement for these services, subject to funding being made available and following a full procurement process. If the pathway proves ineffective for the system and its residents, it will not be commissioned.

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: £78,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121281 - Ophthalmologist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

BNSSG ICB Locality.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is an Intention to Award a contract under the Most Suitable Provider process.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Most Suitable Provider process with regard to the key criteria and as detailed in the PIN. / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Commissioner may extend the duration of this agreement by up to 12 months. This may be necessary for the Commissioner to complete a full Evaluation Report of the pilot programme and (subject to positive results and funding being made available) to carry out a full and compliant procurement process for any future substantive service.

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Intention to Award notice as part of a Most Suitable Provider process. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is an Intention to Award notice, following a Most Suitable Provider process, compliant with PSR 2023 regulations. Please refer to PIN Ref: 2024/S 000-015379 for the relevant "Intended Approach Notice" which called for Expressions of Interest for this process.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

7 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Primary Eyecare Services

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

06722353

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £78,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contracting Authority: BNSSG ICB Community Optometry Project

Conflicts of Interest: No conflicts of interest were found amongst the working project group and decision makers of this award.

Key Criteria: The successful provider has been assessed against the key criteria highlighted in our Prior Information Notice dated 14th May 2024 (ref: 2024/S 000-015379).

Because of the nature of this pilot and the timescales within which the ICB must mobilise we have sought a provider who fits the following key criteria, alongside the specified requirements as outlined in the PIN notice:

- An existing, substantial and capable install base within the BNSSG ICB footprint. In this instance there are 44 practices that are using and are trained on the Opera platform that Primary Eyecare Services provide.
- The ability and functionality in place to go-live with the pilot activity by the end of June 2024, without the necessity for a mobilisation/implementation phase.

Any substantive contract opportunity off the back of this pilot activity will be advertised as a formal contract notice. It is the ICB's intention to share all findings, lessons learnt and evaluations from this pilot with all prospective bidders in the event of an open process, to ensure transparency and a fair and equal platform for bidders.

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Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 18th June 2024. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

Written representations should be sent to jamie.mackay1@nhs.net.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

BNSSG ICB Community Optometry Project

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom