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Planning

Welsh language Child voices and Welsh Accent Child voices for high tech communication aids

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Welsh language Child voices and Welsh Accent Child voices for high tech communication aids

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32583000 - Data and voice media

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The National Centre for Electronic Assistive Technology (NCEAT) wishes to support the development and distribution of male and female Welsh children's voices for use with voice output equipment, using Windows, iOS and Android. The primary objective is to develop and licence voices to enable young AAC users in Wales to have the choice of high-quality Welsh voices, regardless of which device they use for communication. An additional objective is for these voices to be for the general use for the Welsh public sector.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212000 - Programming services of application software
- 72212512 - Interactive voice response software development services
- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

This equipment is provided by the National Centre for Electronic Assistive Technology (NCEAT).

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Currently within Wales there is no provision for children using high tech Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) to be able to speak the Welsh Language with a child's voice. The current provision is an adult male voice (Geraint), and adult female voice (Gwyneth) provided by Ivona. or to speak English with a Welsh accent.

The primary objective is to develop and licence voices to enable young AAC users in Wales to have the choice of high-quality Welsh voices, regardless of which device they use for communication. An additional objective is for these voices to be for the general use for the Welsh public sector.

Teenagers and older children also require high quality Welsh voices. We therefore wish to support measures to make Welsh accent voices, suitable for teenagers and older children, available on the same platforms.

II.2.14) Additional information

NCEAT wishes to support the development and distribution of male and female Welsh children's voices for use with voice output equipment, using Windows, iOS and Android.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The value of the project will be confirmed in the tender documentation. If bidders are able to meet the objectives of the project, please confirm an interest to darren.holloway@wales.nhs.uk.

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