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Contract

Contract for the Provision of Coroner's Post Mortems

Hertfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-019124

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03def7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Hertfordshire County Council

PEGS LANE

HERTFORD

SG138DQ

Email

strategic.procurement@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the Provision of Coroner's Post Mortems

Reference number

HCC2314813

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is an Award Notice for the Provision of Coroner's Post Mortems. This is a direct award because competition is absent.

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: £980,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is an Award Notice. Hertfordshire County Council have awarded a contract for the Provision of Coroner's Post Mortems. There is no competition for this service. Deceased bodies referred to the Hertfordshire Coroner must remain within their jurisdiction until officially released by the Hertfordshire Coroner.

The contract is for a period of four years.

The Contractor's mortuary shall be available at all times for receipt of Coroners' deceased. The Mortuary shall be accessible 24 (twenty-four) hours a day 7 (seven) days a week.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The direct award value of £980,000 reflects the total estimated value that will be awarded over the whole term of the contract between the three NHS trusts receiving the direct award.

The £980,000 will not be equally divided between the three NHS trusts but will be awarded based on volume of deceased sent to each NHS trust for coronial post-mortem examination each month.

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:

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is relying on Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 in making this award without prior publication. Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii) permits such an award where competition is absent for technical reasons.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to provide a Coroner Service for the community of Hertfordshire. As part of the Coroner's duties, he/she must establish a cause of death if none has been provided by the signing/authorising medical practitioner.

To facilitate post-mortem examinations Hertfordshire County Council has contracts with local NHS Hospital mortuaries. There are 3 NHS Hospital mortuaries within Hertfordshire (or close to the Hertfordshire border) that provide post-mortem services to the Coroner Service. Currently, one mortuary would not be able to manage the volume of post-mortems requested by Hertfordshire so we need more than one contract to cover this requirement.

Reg 32(2)(b) states that a procurement is not required where a service can only be supplied by a particular economic operator ENHT, WHHT and PAH in this case because "competition is absent for technical reasons."

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 June 2023

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

East and North Hertfordshire Trust (ENHT)

Lister Hospital, Coreys Mill Lane

Stevenage

SG1 4AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £980,000

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust (WHHT)

Hemel Hempstead Hospital

Hillfield Road

HP2 4AD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Princess Alexandra Hospital Harlow (PAH)

Hamstel Road

Harlow

CM20 1QX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH3 - Essex

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator because competition is absent for technical reasons stated in Annex D

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom