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Award

The Health and Occupation Reporting network (THOR)

Health & Safety Executive

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Health & Safety Executive

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD73 - Sefton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hse.gov.uk

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

The Health and Occupation Reporting network (THOR)

Reference number

1.11.4.4637.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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:

Regulation 32 exempt: 32(2)(b)(ii) whereby competition is absent for technical reasons.

HSE has funded data collection under THOR for many years, it is the only UK-wide surveillance system collecting medically diagnosed case reports of work-related ill health. HSE does not have comparable capability, and moving to another supplier is not deemed feasible at this time. During the extension period, it is intended that a full tender exercise will be completed to revise how the data collection is carried out.

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: £254,469

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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SWORD is HSE's only data source for incidence and causes of occupational respiratory disease. Without it, HSE will be unable to report progress against the reducing ill health strategic objectives for occupational lung disease, such as work-related asthma, COPD or silicosis. The data provides information on causation, including new and emerging issues as well as on incidence and trends. The data have been used to evaluate intervention strategies within different sectors, providing sufficient detail and numbers to allow longitudinal assessment of progress over time. THOR's strengths lie in its ability to identify cases through clinical diagnoses by specialist physicians, gather detailed occupational histories for exposure assessment, and establish work attributions. The network of specialist physicians from across the UK provides representative data for all sectors and regions. Also, case reports are analysed to identify possible sentinel cases to assess new and emerging risks. This is particularly important as it may provide intelligence around new industries where respiratory ill health is starting to present or point to potential new clusters of respiratory ill-health. The THOR team also provides a data request service providing data on specific agents or sectors.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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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/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

University of Manchester

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

Companies House

04714889

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £254,469

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

HSE will contract with University of Manchester, on the 16th July 2024. following the successful completion of the standstill period.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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