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Contract

NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire ICB Assisted Conception Services

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-021653

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047d62

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG - West Midlands (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.herefordshireandworcestershire.icb.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.herefordshireandworcestershire.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

NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire ICB Assisted Conception Services

Reference number

2024/S 000-004924

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Procurement Unit is issuing this Notice (Intention to Award) on behalf of NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB for Assisted Conception Services in this area. The ICB has undertaken a Most Suitable Provider assessment process pursuant to Regulation 10 of The Health Care Service (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 further to the publication of a Prior Information Notice on 14th February 2024.

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: £2,298,414

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85111000 - Hospital services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG11 - Herefordshire, County of
- UKG12 - Worcestershire

Main site or place of performance

The Counties of Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The ICB has undertaken a Most Suitable Provider assessment process pursuant to Regulation 10 of The Health Care Service (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 further to the publication of a Market Engagement Notice on 14th February 2024.

Interested providers were able to express an interest via the NHS Midlands and

Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit Atamis e-Tendering portal (<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>) between 13th February 2024 and 8th March 2024. The Find a Tender Service reference was 2024/S 000-004924.

This exercise enabled the ICB to consider all providers they thought would be able to deliver the service to the relevant population, and then to proceed to identify and select the most suitable providers from this group.

The ICB conducted a Pass/Fail assessment process against basic selection criteria and key criteria of any providers who expressed their interest.

All basic selection criteria in the MSP assessment were fully based on the Crown Commercial Service Standard Selection Questionnaire. All other questions in the MSP assessment covered the five key criteria pursuant to Regulation 5 of the Provider Selection Regime Regulations. This Regulation states that five key criteria must be considered by the commissioning organisation in a fair way across providers when applying an MSP assessment. These criteria are:

- Quality and Innovation
- Value
- Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability
- Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities and Facilitating Choice
- Social Value

This Notice is an intention to award four contracts to four provider organisations of Assisted Conception Services, who each met all the criteria under the Most Suitable Provider assessment.

Each contract period is for 4 years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years, subject to mutual agreement.

The total value is approximately £2,298,414.00 for the lifetime of the proposed contracts including the optional extension periods. The indicative value per financial year for the lifetime of the contract including the optional extension periods is £383,069.

Please note that the value shown, for each provider, at Section V Paragraph 2.4 below is an indicative value only, i.e., for the purposes of completing this Notice. Patients have the option to select their choice of provider for the Assisted Conception Services in scope, therefore, it is not possible to state in this Notice the exact proposed total value of each contract for each of the four Most Suitable Providers. The figure shown, for each provider,

at Section V Paragraph 2.4 is indicative only.

Assisted Conception is when a person or couple get pregnant (conceive) with the assistance of medical intervention (treatment). The Assisted Conception services include:

- In vitro fertilisation (IVF)
- IVF with intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)
- Intrauterine insemination (IUI)

The different treatments available can involve the use of donated eggs and sperm.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Most Suitable Provider Process with regards to the Key Criteria /
Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Most Suitable Provider Process with regards to the Key Criteria /
Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition.

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:

The ICB has adopted The Most Suitable Provider Process (MSP) pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Act 2023. The Assisted Conception services are classed as healthcare services under the Regulations.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this notice.

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

15 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Birmingham Women's & Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Steelhouse Lane

Birmingham

B4 6NH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

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: £574,603.50

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BMI Healthcare Limited (Circle)

1st Floor, 30 Cannon Street

London

EC4M 6XH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

Companies House

02164270

The contractor is an SME

No

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Care Fertility Limited

6 Lawrence Drive

Nottingham

NG8 6PZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Companies House

09756591

The contractor is an SME

No

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TFP Oxford Fertility

Institute of Reproductive Sciences, 8000 Alec Issigonis Way, Oxford Business Park North

Oxford

OX4 2HW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Companies House

11875195

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £574,603.50

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board

Kirkham House, John Comyn Drive, Perdiswell

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