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Contract

Workforce Specialist Services

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

F25: Concession award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-022069

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d56f

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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**

Workforce Specialist Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Provider will deliver on behalf of the Authority a Workforce Specialist Service (WSS), a confidential assessment and treatment service. This will be available to all regulated health and social work and social care staff working as part of the Scottish workforce.

The workforce specialist service will offer specialism in treating and supporting regulated practitioners who:

- experience increased risks of suffering mental illness including difficulties with addiction and suicidality.
- suffer stigmatisation and difficulty accessing confidential assessment and treatment for mental health;
- and who are reluctant to seek help due to concerns about professional implications (e.g. regulator involvement, detriment to career progression, impact of having time off sick).

The service provided is expected to be led by a multi-professional team with experience in treating regulated professionals.

The service should offer specialism in treating addictions including capability to provide or arrange in-patient detoxification and/or rehabilitation therapy.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services
- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria described below:

- Criterion: N/A

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

10

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Award procedure without prior publication of a concession notice in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Authority believes there is only one provider capable of meeting its requirement for this service.

The Authority will enact a 10 day standstill period from publication of this notice prior to entering into any contract.

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of concession

A concession/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The concession/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contract will run for an initial period of 10 months, from 1st December 2021 to 30th September 2022, with the option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

