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Contract

Doctor Support Service

General Medical Council (GMC)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-022992

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042694

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

General Medical Council (GMC)

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Manchester

M3 3AW

Email

gmctenders@gmc-uk.org

Telephone

+44 1619236340

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.gmc-uk.org>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA19541

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Medical Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Doctor Support Service

Reference number

GMC1697

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The requirement is for the provision of The Doctor Support Service ('the Service') – an independent, peer-to-peer emotional support service for doctors who:

- are subject to GMC fitness to practise procedures,
- have been referred to a Medical Practitioners Tribunal (MPT) hearing or
- have been notified that the GMC may withdraw their licence to practise.

We expect between 100 to 150 doctors to take up the Service per annum. The majority will be doctors seeking support during a GMC investigation of their fitness to practise. Approximately 850 such investigations were opened in 2022; roughly 30% resulted in referral to the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) for adjudication at a hearing. Approximately 10% of the doctors contacting the Service will be subject to potential withdrawal of their licence.

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: £264,600

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion / Weighting: 65

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost criterion / Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

GMC1697

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

British Medical Association

BMA House, Tavistock Square

London

WC1H 9JP

Telephone

+44 2073836110

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £264,600

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(MT Ref:232419)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

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London

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>