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Award

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support Contract

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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BELFAST

BT97AB

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/>

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

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support Contract

Reference number

DAC

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

No other reasonable alternative exists for this procurement, this system is critical to service delivery in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust laboratories. Competition is absent for technical reasons as Abbott Informatics have exclusive rights over the software, licences and updates for this system. A tender process that encompasses the functionality of this software has been awarded. This contract is required in the interim to cover the transitional period and a replacement in the short-term is not a reasonable alternative as it would require extensive ICT infrastructure, validation and integration work that would result in significant disruption and lead to disproportionate technical difficulties that would impact on the Trusts ability to provide a Laboratory Service and thus have a major and critical impact on the Trust's ability to deliver patient care. The wider market was consulted as part of the tender process. The absence of competition is not a result of the artificial narrowing of the parameters of the procurement.

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/concession

Contract No

DAC

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 October 2021

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

Abbott Informactics Europe Ltd

Crossgate House, Sale

Cheshire

M33 7FT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Internet address

www.abbott.co.uk

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £250,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

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