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Contract

## **Independent Services**

The NHS Commissioning Board

F20: Modification notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02eb95

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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London

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Independent Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.2) Description**

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

- 85100000 - Health services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Independent investigation services framework for the NHS with scope to cover various service types which have been divided into 5 lots: Individual Expert Investigations, Partnership Investigations, Local Care System Investigations, Health & Social Care & Partners Investigations and Systematic Independent

Investigations. Contract award beneath the framework will be placed via Mini-Competition or Direct Award.

The services procured under the Framework are for Health services and are subject to the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) Chapter 3, Particular Procurement Regimes, Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services.

Bidders have the opportunity to apply to join the Framework Agreement on an annual basis.

Bidders who are already on the Framework Agreement have the opportunity to apply for further lots if they so wish on an annual basis.

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

End date

31 October 2025

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2019/S 097-234943](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

2019/S 214-526090

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

16 May 2019

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £15,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NHS England

London

Country

United Kingdom

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85100000 - Health services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

This Notice is a Modification to a Contract in accordance with Article of Directive 2014/24/EU Art 72 for independent investigations. This is a 24 month extension to the existing contract awarded for independent investigation services as identified within the original advert.

Contract Award of Independent Investigation Services Framework for the NHS with scope to cover various service types which have been divided into five lots - Individual Expert Investigations, Partnership Investigations, Local Care

System Investigations, Health & Social Care & Partners Investigations and Systematic Independent

Investigations. Contract award beneath the framework will be placed via Mini-Competition or Direct Award.

The services procured under the Framework are for Health services and are subject to the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) Chapter 3, Particular Procurement Regimes, Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services.

Bidders have the opportunity to apply to join the Framework Agreement on an annual basis. Bidders who are already on the Framework Agreement have the opportunity to apply for further lots if they so wish on an annual basis.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

End date

31 October 2027

**VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£15,000,000

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Multiple as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Multiple as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Various Providers as per the F03 Notice

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Extension of the original 48 month framework contract for a further period of 24 months, so that the contract will end on the 31.10.2027.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

As a result of the NHS dealing with the covid pandemic for over 18 months normal contracting activity for independent investigations was suspended. There is now a back log of activity which needs to be commissioned as seconded staff from the regional teams responsible for commissioning these services return to BAU.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000