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Award

EMIS GP System of Choice (GPSoC)

Business Services Organisation I T S

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

EMIS GP System of Choice (GPSoC)

Reference number

STA10143

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The expenditure is required to ensure the continued provision of GP services, to the population of NI by 171 GP practices that use the EMIS Web solution. Work is underway to ensure a new business case and contract will be in place by 31st March 2023.

Without the expenditure, which has already been approved via the GMS ICT infrastructure Business Case 2018-2023, EMIS Web GP practices would be unable to use their GP clinical system nor would they receive support and associated services from EMIS for their infrastructure, beyond 31/3/2022.

Given the dependency on IT in General Practice, stopping these services would very significantly impact on the ability of the 171 EMIS GP practices to provide GMS services. Practices would be unable to access patient histories or record consultations against an electronic patient record. They would also be unable to interface electronically with other HSC systems - E.g. lab results, radiology reports, registration links, Emergency Care Summary, Key Information Summary, Electronic Document Transfer, GPIIP etc. - so reintroducing delay and inaccuracy in patient care.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £12,428,092.20 / Highest offer: £14,631,561.20 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A key element identified in the strategy was the alignment with England's GMS IT procurement, known as GP IT Futures, and the use of its proposed GP IT Futures Catalogue and GP IT Futures Framework.

The use of the IT Futures Catalogue brings huge benefits to NI:

- items on the catalogue, including both systems and services, can only be there if they have been rigorously tested and accepted. NHS Digital provide the testing for the catalogue. Without this, NI would have to find appropriate experts, both clinical and technical, to continuously carry out the testing of new or amended items. This would significantly increase risk, cost and timescales for every new item to be procured by NI.

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:

Currently 171 GP practices use the EMIS Web solution. Work is underway to ensure a new business case and contract will be in place by 31st March 2023.

BSO ITS are in the process of creating a Framework through GP IT Futures. This was due to happen in 2021 unfortunately, the on boarding of systems and services onto the GP IT Futures Catalogue in England was delayed, in part due to covid pressures. This delay has had a knock on effect on the necessary assessment of all options within the NI procurement strategy. The NI procurement strategy is now being finalised and procurement planning now shows that the new NI contracts should be in place by March 2023 or shortly thereafter.

The justification for this DAC, therefore, is to ensure the existing services continue uninterrupted until those services can be procured through contracts established by the on-going procurement process.

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

STA10143

Title

EMIS GP System of Choice (GPSoC)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 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

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United Kingdom

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- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £12,428,092.20 / Highest offer: £14,631,561.20 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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