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Contract

Content Evidence Checks

NHS Digital

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-034312

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Digital

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE42 - Leeds

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.digital.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.digital.nhs.uk/>

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

Content Evidence Checks

Reference number

C102765

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72330000 - Content or data standardization and classification services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The content has been created using the best available evidence and is presented in a balanced manner so that users can understand and act on it. As a minimum each piece of content is reviewed at least once every 3 years to ensure it is clinically and factually accurate based on the latest clinical guidance.

For the last 18 months our content team has been focussed on delivering COVID-19-related products and services, which has created a backlog of reviews. This has meant we have not been achieving the 3-year review deadline for some topics.

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: £400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Leeds and London (UK)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The NHS website includes thousands of articles on symptoms, conditions and treatments as well as hundreds of articles on healthy living. It aims to help people make good choices about their health and use of NHS health and care services.

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We recruited a supplier earlier this year to pilot a process where they would check the information presented is clinically accurate based on the latest evidence (the evidence check). This pilot is now complete and we would like to move on to the next phase of the project.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Economist Group

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London

E14 4QW

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+44 2075768200

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

02642807

Internet address

<https://impact.economist.com/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £400,000

Lowest offer: £400,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

InternationalRelationsJudicialOffice@judiciary.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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