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Contract

Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes ICB

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB

Reference number

58660

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (ICB) invited suitably qualified and experienced providers to express interest in delivering Fertility Services, by responding to the opportunity as required and described in the published tender documentation. NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) acted as an agent for and on behalf of the Commissioner and supported the procurement process.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The service was a Schedule 3 Service and was procured under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The purpose of the procurement was to set up a multi-provider Framework Agreement. The Commissioner was seeking to set up a framework agreement with 3 providers. The selection of these providers was based on the 3 highest scoring providers in response to the Invitation to Tender (ITT) process. The commissioner reserved the right to open future windows at their discretion if further capacity or choice is required.

The purpose of the Specialist Fertility Services is to provide a range of appropriate assisted conception services for couples who meet the eligibility criteria. The service aims

to treat subfertility. The objective of treatment for subfertility is to achieve a successful pregnancy quickly and safely with the least intervention required and the delivery of a healthy child.

As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement was to be established with the successful Bidder(s) for a period of 3 years with the Commissioner having the option to extend the contract for up to a further 2 years. The previous contract(s) for the Services will end on 31st March 2023 and as a result the successful provider was expected to be fully operational, providing services from 01st April 2023.

Based on the current contracts it was anticipated that the service provision resultant of the procurement would have an annual expenditure of £1,200,000.00 per annum. However, all providers awarded to the framework agreement were to have zero value contracts; no activity or spend is guaranteed as activity is driven by patient choice.

The Commissioner has made a decision to abandon the current process as permitted within Document 1 – ITT Process Overview document (under section 26.1.i). The justification for this is that the Commissioner has taken the decision to amend some of the requirements and stipulations within the procurement for the provision of Fertility Services. In order to maintain a fair and transparent process, the Commissioner is withdrawing this process and intend to go back to out to market with a new service offer including revised documentation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: See Documents / Weighting: See Documents

Price - Weighting: See Documents

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

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Title

58660 - Framework Agreement to provide Fertility Services for NHS Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes ICB

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

Other reasons (discontinuation of procedure)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit

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United Kingdom

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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