

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/030511-2021>

Contract

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support Contract

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-030511

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02eb88

Published 8 December 2021, 1:09pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

LISBURN ROAD

BELFAST

BT97AB

Contact

Norma Moore

Email

norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net

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

DAC10140

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support Contract

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

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support Contract

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The 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

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-025627](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

DAC10140

Title

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Abbott Informatics Europe Ltd

Crossgate House, Sale

Cheshire

M33 7FT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Internet address

www.abbott.co.uk

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: £250,000

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Belfast

BT8 8BH

Email

norma.moore@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://belfasttrust.hscni.net>