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Contract

Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Service

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-032136

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-041084

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://hertsandwestessex.icb.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

Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Service

Reference number

ACE-0729-2023-HWE

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is to inform the market of a contract awarded to RSM UK Group LLP (RSM) to deliver an Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Service for Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board.

Hertfordshire and West Essex ICB undertook a procurement process for an Internal Audit, Counter Fraud and Security Management Service using a call-off process using the East

of England NHS Collaborative Hub (EoECPH) Statutory Audit and Multi-Specialty Consultancy Services Framework, Lot 4 - Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Services, advertised in OJEU reference 2019/S 153-377590.

The awarded contract started on 1st April 2022 and was due to expire on 31st March 2026. Since the contract was awarded, the provider has encountered significant staffing challenges that have severely hindered their ability to fulfil the obligations within their contract. As a result, they have been unable to deliver any work as per the agreed 2023/24 work plan. Subsequently, the provider has requested that the contract be terminated as they have been unable to fulfil their obligations against the terms and conditions.

The award to RSM is being made under Regulation 32 (2) (c) emergency requirements.

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: £200,750

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Internal Audit element of the contract commenced on 28th September 2023 and will end on 31st March 2025 whilst the Counter Fraud element will commence on 1st April 2024 and will end on 31st March 2025.

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The total value of the contract (including both elements) to 31st March 2025 is £200,750 exclusive of VAT.

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

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

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

The previous provider was awarded the contract via a competitive procurement process. Subsequently, the awarded provider has been unable to fulfil its contractual obligations and informed the ICB that they would like to discontinue with the contract.

This is an emergency requirement which is not attributable to, or foreseeable by, the Contracting Authority. It is not practicable to undertake a procurement exercise to appoint a new provider as the timescales associated with this would mean that the ICB would not be able to meet its statutory audit obligations to deliver the 2023/24 Head of Internal Audit Opinion.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Title

Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 October 2023

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

RSM UK Group LLP

6th Floor, 25 Farringdon Street

London

EC4A 4AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,750

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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

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