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Contract

## **MASS A1 Part 3**

National Institute For Health And Care Excellence

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://nice.org.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

NICE 146

#### **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 AI & Digital Regulations Service is a project funded by the NHS AI Lab. The project is a collaboration between four regulatory bodies ('Project partners'):

1.1. the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE; with project oversight) provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care,

1.2. the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and social care in England,

1.3. the Health Research Authority (HRA) provides a unified national system for the governance of health research, and;

1.4. the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) ensures that medicines and medical devices work and are acceptably safe.

#### **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: £361,665

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Based on the research undertaken to date in the discovery, alpha and beta phases 1 and 2, the service component of the project (as distinct from policy development) focuses on the following two features:

(i) An informational website which maps out and clarifies the regulatory and HTA pathway for AI and data-driven technologies, highlighting relevant guidance and materials that developers and adopters need when they need it, so that they can make regulatory progress more effectively whilst (ideally) expending less resource. The developer area of the website launched in public beta in March 2023 under the title of the AI and Digital Regulations Service. The adopter area is in private beta at time of writing this spec. The whole website is expected to launch in public beta in June 2023.

(ii) A centralised transactional resource that makes it easier for developers and adopters to access advice and support they need by triaging them to the most appropriate of existing support offers whilst 'hiding the wiring'.

Our requirement is for the supplier for the public beta improvement phase to build upon significant foundational work undertaken in phases 1 and 2, including but not limited to: • Revising and improving the design and build of the service based on findings from private beta testing in phases 1 and 2 • Conducting user research with developers and adopters to test the public beta version of the website and ensure the web platform continues to

meet the needs of all users.

At the time of on-boarding, the service will be running in public beta. The supplier will be expected to provide technical / service desk support. In line with government funded digital services, a project with a transactional service must pass the Central Digital and Data Office (CDDO) / Government Digital Services (GDS) assessments to progress to different stages of development, e.g. from public beta to live.

Please apply via The Digital Capability for Health framework - RM6221.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 50%

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension option of 2 months with a minimum notice period of 2 weeks.

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## **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Crown Commercial Services Digital Capability for Health Deliverables Framework RM6221 was used.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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**

25 July 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

BJSS

1 Whitehall Quay

Leeds

LS1 4HR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

Companies House

02777575

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: £361,665

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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