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## **STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support**

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a72c

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

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BELFAST

BT97AB

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**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

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support

Reference number

DAC

**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**

Procurement of STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support

#### **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: £336,271

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast Health & Social Care Trust - Laboratories

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

Procurement of STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support

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

Price

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

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or 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 Starlims UK Ltd 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

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

DAC

### **Title**

STARLIMS Annual Maintenance and Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 October 2024

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

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

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

STARLIMS UK LTD

2nd Floor, Crossgate House, Cross Street,

Sale,

M33 7FT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Companies House

03422264

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £336,271

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £336,271

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Knockbracken Healthcare Park

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