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Contract

## **Support, Maintenance and Development of SnowOwl and SnowRay**

NHS Digital

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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7 & 8 Wellington Place

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

[nhsdcommercial@nhs.net](mailto:nhsdcommercial@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKE42 - Leeds

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.digital.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.digital.nhs.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**

Support, Maintenance and Development of SnowOwl and SnowRay

Reference number

111723

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72300000 - Data services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Contract with B2i for the provision of development, support and maintenance of the Snow Owl® Collaborative Authoring Platform and Terminology Server provided by B2i

Healthcare to underpin the terminology authoring processes. This platform and tooling are used to author national SNOMED CT codes, and the ongoing maintenance and publication of the maintenance and improvement of the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension.

#### **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: £1,300,500

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72300000 - Data services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Single Tender

#### **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

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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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

A. The works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator as competition is absent for technical reasons:

The UK SNOMED CT release is the second largest in the world (the largest is Singapore who also use Snow Owl), larger even than the International release.

The only other terminology and authoring tool used by National Release Centres is provided by SNOMED International, but they have previously stated they would not be able to support the additional requirements of the UK's national release.

B. No reasonable alternative or substitute exists: A change in contractor for the provision of development, support and maintenance of the SnowOwl and SnowRay. There is no other tool in existence that can meet our requirements and all other existing terminology tools would need to be developed to meet them, this would cause significant duplication of costs as any replacement provider would have to dedicate substantial resource to establishing and understanding the detailed design and operation of SnowOwl Authoring platform and terminology server.

#### 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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

15 November 2022

**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**

B2i Healthcare Kft

Szent Istvan korut 18 Floor 1 Door 2

Budapest

1137

Country

Hungary

NUTS code

- HU - Hungary

National registration number

01 09 930419

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,300,500

Lowest offer: £1,300,500 / Highest offer: £1,300,500 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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