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Contract

EPES CFU and Ophthalmic Applications Support

Business Services Organisation I T S

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037d6c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN06 - Belfast

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.hscbusiness.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

EPES CFU and Ophthalmic Applications Support

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

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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: £915,186.27

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Failure to provision the extended support places BSO at serious risk of an application failure from which we would be unable to recover from. Contractor payments of approximately £576m per annum would be defaulted on and there would also be a risk of fraud as it would be impossible to process prescriptions and estimate payments manually.

Considerable reputational damage to BSO and the wider DoH would be incurred with also a risk of legal action from contractors who have not had payments made to them.

DXC are the incumbent contractors and own the Intellectual Property Rights on the software.

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:

- protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

EPES CFU and Ophthalmic applications Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 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

DXC Technology

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Companies House

07073335

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £915,186.27

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Business Services Organisation

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom