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Contract

PRJ2014 North East London Community Ophthalmology: Minor Eye Conditions

NHS North East London Integrated Care Board

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047c7e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East London Integrated Care Board

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.northeastlondon.icb.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.northeastlondon.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

PRJ2014 North East London Community Ophthalmology: Minor Eye Conditions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

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: £7,331,569

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice relates to the Authority's procurement of Community Ophthalmology: Minor Eye Conditions health care services.

The service is an existing service and will be provided by one of the existing providers.

This notice is an intention to award a contract under the The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. The completed procurement route is "The

Competitive

Process” which falls under Part 2, Regulation 11 of the Provider Selection Regime. The chosen route of the Competitive Process meant that there was no separate selection stage, i.e., the opportunity was open to the whole market.

The lifetime value of the contract is to be £7,331,569, at £1,047,367 per annum.

Initial 5 years - £5,236,835

Additional 2 years - £2,094,734

The contract term will be 5 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years at the sole discretion of the Authority.

The contract will start on 02/01/2025 and therefore have an initial end date of the 31/12/2029, if the optional extension is utilised the contract end date will be 31/12/2031.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75.00%

Price - Weighting: 25.00%

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

Open procedure

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-021182](#)

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

30 October 2024

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

Primary Eyecare (East London and City) Ltd.

Duncan House, 1A Burnhill Road

Beckenham

BR3 3LA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI6 - Outer London – South

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: £7,331,569

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,331,569

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by the 12th of November 2024 (00:00am).

This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award a contract under the competitive process of the PSR. Written representations should be sent to kieran.james-paterson@nhs.net

Decision-Makers:

NEL ICB - Finance, Performance & Investment Committee (FPIC)
NEL ICB - Investment Review Group (IRG)
NEL ICB - Procurement Group (PG)

Relative Importance of the Key Criteria:

Quality & Innovation - 37.00%
Value - 25.00%
Integration, Collaboration & Service Sustainability - 12.00%
Improving Access, Reducing Health Inequalities & Facilitating Choice - 16.00%
Social Value - 10.00%

Rationale for the Relative Importance of the Key Criteria:

The previously existing services have been separated into optometrist-led services for this procurement to enable one NEL-wide service model to ensure equal access and assist in developing the services.

A cross-functional team were involved in delivering this project. The Authority set out to receive responses from suitably qualified and experienced healthcare providers with the necessary capacity and capability (or a demonstrable ability to provide the necessary capacity and capability) to provide the range of services as set out in the Specification in a safe and effective manner.

The Selection Questionnaire (SQ) was based on the standard Cabinet Office document, with the ITT Questionnaire being comprised of a detailed scoring methodology, the

weighting criteria was published within the ITT documentation in accordance with procurement regulations.

Further information is provided in the associated procurement documents on the Atamis portal: <https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Rationale for Provider Selection:

The Exclusions and Basic Selection Criteria responses were evaluated first, any bidder who failed the Selection Questionnaire would not progress further in the procurement process and would be disqualified. All Providers passed the Selection Questionnaire progressed in the procurement and had their ITT Questionnaires scored.

Based on the outcome of the evaluation and in line with the criteria stipulated by the Authority within the ITT documentation, it was recommended that the contract be awarded to the Preferred Bidder. The Preferred Bidder being the Bidder that offers the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT), i.e. achieves the highest combined score.

Conflicts of Interest:

To safeguard against potential conflicts of interest influencing the procurement process and evaluations, all panel members signed conflict of interest declarations and non-disclosure agreements. Project members and evaluators were informed of their role and the importance of the confidential nature of this procurement. No material conflicts were declared.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS London Commercial Hub

UNEX Tower 5 Station Street

London

E15 1DA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The standstill period will run from the 31st of October 2024 (00:00am) until the 12th of November 2024 (00:00am).