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## **Decision Support Service**

Genomics England

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.genomicsengland.co.uk](http://www.genomicsengland.co.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**

Decision Support Service

Reference number

GeL-17/02

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72250000 - System and support services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The provision of a Rare Disease Decision Support software solution for NGIS

#### **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: £4,500,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

In November 2018 Genomics England signed a contract with Congenica for the provision of interpretation services to support the NHS Genomic Medicine Service ("GMS") ("Decision Support Contract") which is due to expire on 30 November 2024

A contract amendment for the Rare Disease Decision Support Service contract under which Congenica will provide the services for the previously advised extension period of 6 months to 31 March 2025 and a further period of 12 months.

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options to extend the term for a further 6 + 6 months.

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

Explanation:

Genomics England takes the view that Regulation 72 (1) (b) applies to the variation to the Decision Support Contract because additional services from Congenica have become necessary but were not included in the original procurement of this contract but a change of contractor cannot be made at this time due to the bespoke technical specification of the product and it would also cause significant duplication of cost for Genomics England. The value of the variation is under 50% of the value of the Decision Support Contract.

#### **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**

GeL-17/02

### **Title**

Decision Support Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 November 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**

Congenica

Wellcome Genome Campus

Cambridge

CB10 1DR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,500,000

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**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Genomics England will on 1 December 2024 enter into a contract amendment for the Decision Support Service Contract under which Congenica will provide the services for the previously advised extension period of 6 months to 31 March 2025 and a further period of 12 months with an option to extend for a further 6 + 6 months.

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NHS England has confirmed that a functioning decision support system for rare disease is essential to the success of the GMS for rare disease and no hiatus in these services is possible. Genomics England has very specific requirements for decision support as any product needs to fit in with its internal National Genomics Informatics System (NGIS) pipeline and no off the shelf product is available or viable without significant development. Given the background to Congenica development, an immediate termination would not only have led to a hiatus in service but would cause substantial inconvenience and duplication of costs should a new decision support provider be brought in.

Genomics England are in the process of developing a replacement solution.

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

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom