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Award

Medical Support Services to Lawson Memorial Hospital

NHS Highland

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0559c3

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Highland

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00302

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Medical Support Services to Lawson Memorial Hospital

Reference number

HH033-25-TW09

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Highland requires a Medical Support Service to be provided to Lawson Memorial

Community Hospital based at Golspie in the North Highlands.

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: £451,560

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Main site or place of performance

Lawson Memorial Hospital

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice to indicate that NHS Highland intend to Direct Award a Contract for the Provision of a Medical Support Service to Lawson Memorial Hospital. The Services shall be provided by three Medical Practices. The Contract is expected to be in place for 24 months with an option to extend for a further 12 months to ensure continuity of this essential service.

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

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:

This is a small community hospital providing care to the people of East Sutherland. It's role forms part of a clinical strategy to provide care to particularly older adults, close to their own community, with the delivery of care provided by their own GPs. Continuity of care is particularly important for this patient group. For this reason it is key that medical cover is provided by local practices, with the GPs fulfilling their role as Expert Medical Generalists as per the 2018 GMS contract, leading the wider multidisciplinary team. These practices are also small rural practices, which are amongst our most fragile providers. The income from the hospital contract is important to keep these as sustainable independent practices.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 129-318138](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Golspie Medical Practice

The Health Centre, Fountain Road

Golspie

KW10 6TH

Telephone

+44 1408633444

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Brora and Helmsdale Medical Practice

Station Square

Brora

KW9 6QJ

Telephone

+44 1408621320

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Dornoch Medical Practice

Health Centre, Shore Road

Dornoch

IV25 3LS

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £451,560

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Inverness Justice Centre

Longman Road

Inverness

IV1 1AH

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United Kingdom