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Contract

NHS Estates Technical Standards & Guidance Programme

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03849f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

Wellington House, 133-135 Waterloo Rd

London

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Contact

Russell Greenwood

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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

NHS Estates Technical Standards & Guidance Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS England Technical Standards and Guidance (TSG) Programme is responsible for publication of Health Building Notes (HBNs) and Health Technical Memoranda (HTMs). These have been provided to the NHS since the 1960s, but in 2017 responsibility was discharged from DHSC to NHS Improvement (now NHS England), within the national NHS Estates and Facilities division.

Producing TSG requires a specialist skill set, including architects, health planners, engineers, technical author and editorial skills. Since 2018 external specialist consultancy support has been procured to provide the necessary resource and expertise so NHS England can progress updates.

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: £7,885,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The NHS Estates Technical Standards and Guidance Programme team have responsibility to support the NHS Constitution right for patients to be cared for in a “clean, safe, secure and suitable environment” through publication of a suite of technical guidance documents, available free of charge and disseminated via the NHS England website

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/>

Health Building Notes (HBNs) give best practice guidance on the design and planning of new healthcare buildings and adaptation or extension of existing facilities.

Health Technical Memoranda (HTMs) give comprehensive advice and guidance on the design, installation and operation of specialised building and engineering technology used in the delivery of healthcare.

Specific skills required depend on the nature and coverage of individual guidance documents. Some will be provided by NHS England staff, but the majority of the work to deliver these documents will need to be provided by external suppliers:

Scoping – review existing guidance, both NHS related and more widely, to determine the specification of the guidance to be produced;

Production – work with the specified teams and stakeholders to develop the guidance, test

and edit it;

Engagement with the appropriate stakeholders from NHS England, DHSC, across the NHS and relevant industry.

Professional services needed include:

Technical Authors

Subject Matter Experts

Technical Editors

Other specialist skillsets not available within NHS England, including healthcare architects, healthcare planners, engineers (e.g. mechanical, electrical, decontamination, fire) with specialist healthcare experience, medical equipment specialists, etc.

Project and Programme Management (PMO) resource to manage delivery of the programme and relevant interfaces.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

1 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ARCHUS LIMITED

101 Victoria Street, Redcliffe

Bristol

BS1 6PU

Email

tenders@archus.uk.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

National registration number

06937095

Internet address

www.archus.uk.com

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: £2,599,844.95

Lowest offer: £7,885,000 / Highest offer: £7,885,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom