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Contract

The Provision for a Professional Medical / Science Writers Service

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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London

E14 4PU

Contact

Procurement Operations

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

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

The Provision for a Professional Medical / Science Writers Service

Reference number

W160994

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92312211 - Writing agency services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of pandemic preparedness activities, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) seeks an excellent medical writing service to help rapidly prepare publications and reports during public health emergencies.

While there are individuals and groups within UKHSA who have significant expertise in scientific writing of manuscripts, in a pandemic scenario, there will be a surge requirement for additional writing and publication tasks. There is no dedicated medical writing service that is a standalone capability that can be directed and utilised in all areas where surge support is needed for this type of activity. This contract therefore gives us the resilience in an emergency as part of future pandemic preparedness.

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: £999,999

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92312211 - Writing agency services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

7 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ashfield Health Limited

Ground Floor, Ceva House, Excelsior Road, Ashby Business Park, Nottingham Road,
Ashby De La Zouch, Leicestershire

Leicester

LE65 1NG

Telephone

+44 1625662501

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01887613

Internet address

<http://www.ashfieldhealthcare.com>

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: £999,999

Total value of the contract/lot: £999,999

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