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Award

Terminology Server

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

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Scope

Description

The procurement is for a centrally hosted Terminology Server solution to support the management and distribution of clinical and administrative coding systems (e.g. SNOMED CT, ICD-11, OPCS) across Health and Social Care Northern Ireland (HSCNI). The solution will be cloud-based, delivered as a managed service, and accessible to clinical and operational systems in real-time or via scheduled synchronisation.

???????Accurate and governed use of standardised terminologies is essential to ensure patient safety, clinical interoperability, compliance with data standards, and quality health analytics.

HSCNI currently lacks a unified mechanism to manage terminology content, resulting in duplication of effort, local variations, and missed opportunities for system integration. A central Terminology Server will enable HSCNI to safely manage terminology releases, ensure consistency across systems, and support transition to national standards such as ICD-11 and SNOMED CT.

It is our intention to complete a Direct Award to the value of £780,000.00 (exclusive of vat).

Contract 1

Supplier

- DH OPCO UK LTD

Contract value

- £780,000 excluding VAT
- £936,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 1 February 2029
- Possible extension to 1 February 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Annual extensions of 2 x 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

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Dedalus is the only supplier with a proven, national-scale Terminology Server solution (Ontoserver) currently deployed and operational across the UK and Ireland. It supports terminology infrastructure for:

NHS England, covering SNOMED CT, dm+d and national content distribution;

NHS Scotland, aligned to their national digital strategy;

HSE Ireland, selected following open competition in 2025.

Dedalus was previously the sole supplier on the now-expired NHS England terminology server framework, and whilst it is expected that they will succeed in the renewal framework, given the timing of this procurement, no active framework is available.??

We wish to rely on schedule 5 section 6 (a) due to Dedalus being the only supplier for technical reasons. They are the only supplier able to provide the services.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland