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Contract

Development of ABR peer review External Quality Assurance system

NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-053791

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-044622

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

Wellington House, 133-135 Waterloo Rd

London

SE1 8UG

Contact

NHS England

Email

england.commercialqueries@nhs.net

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

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

Development of ABR peer review External Quality Assurance system

Reference number

C367616

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Development of a standard rapid Auditory Brainstem Response External Quality Assurance (ABR EQA) scheme focused on ABR traces only in partnership with Gen QA

(consortium with NEQAS and the National Physical Laboratory), to facilitate national and regional ABR EQA and provide an improved measure and assurance of testing performance.

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: £280,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Development of a standard rapid Auditory Brainstem Response External Quality Assurance (ABR EQA) scheme focused on ABR traces only in partnership with Gen QA (consortium with NEQAS and the National Physical Laboratory), to facilitate national and regional ABR EQA and provide an improved measure and assurance of testing performance.

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Due to an absence of competition for technical reasons. Para 6, Schedule 5 of PA 2023 utilised.

Lead by GenQA, the consortium - consisting of GenQa, the National Physical Laboratory and the UK National External Quality Assurance Service (UKNEQAS) - are verified as the only provider offering the combination of expertise involved and required to deliver this politically sensitive programme. No reasonable alternative or substitute exists. Please see further rationale and evidence within the Direct Award Justification form attached which is attached to the original BC (BC-26791).

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: [2024/S 000-007232](#)

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

4 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GENQA LTD

27 North Bridge Street Hawick

Roxburghshire

TD9 98D

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM91 - Scottish Borders

National registration number

SC639731

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: £280,000

Lowest offer: £280,000 / Highest offer: £280,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice for England and Wales

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The High Court

Strand

London

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generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk

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