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Contract

C002097 Provision of resources for the National Digital Library for Health and Social Care in Scotland

NHS Education for Scotland

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-072458

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ef4c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13002

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**

C002097 Provision of resources for the National Digital Library for Health and Social Care in Scotland

Reference number

C002097

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92511000 - Library services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of resources for the National Digital Library for Health and Social Care in Scotland

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: £483,305.16

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 92511000 - Library services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.13) 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) Form of procedure

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The suppliers listed in this contract award are the exclusive providers of the products being procured for the NHS Scotland Digital Library.

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

10 February 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Barbour EHS

20 Grosvenor Place,

London

SW1X 7HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Content Online

2 Harestane Pl

Dundee

DD3 9EW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mind Tools (a trading name of Emerald Works Ltd)

Level 1, 50 Frederick Street

Edinburgh

EH3 1EX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ProQuest

The Quorum, Barnwell Drive

Cambridge

CB58SW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Taylor & Francis

3 Park Square , Milton Park

Abingdon

OX14 4RN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £483,305.16

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:815369)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom