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Outcome Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Framework Agreement for **Consultancy and Advisory Services for Health**
Anticipated period of Agreement: **26/02/2024 – 25/02/2026 (with the option to extend for a further 2 years)**

Find a Tender Service Reference: **2022/S 000-033936**

NHS SBS Framework Agreement Reference: **SBS10197**

We are pleased to inform you that your application to participate in the proposed Framework Agreement as set out in your offer/bid dated **20/02/2023** has been **successful for the following lot(s)**:

- **Lot 1 – Business, Leadership, Management, Governance, Structure & Strategy**
- **Lot 2 – Integrated Care, Healthcare & Community care**
- **Lot 3 – Commercialisation, Innovation & Transformation**
- **Lot 5 – IT Business Consultancy**
- **Lot 7 – HR and Employment, Skills, and Training,**

However, please note that this letter does not constitute a legally binding acceptance of your application.

You should also note that even on expiry of the standstill period NHS SBS will not be bound to conclude the Framework Agreement with you or any other bidder. Therefore, your formal appointment to the Framework Agreement remains subject to NHS SBS entering into a legally binding Framework Agreement with you.

The score you obtained and the score the other Successful Bidder(s) obtained against the criteria for contract award relating to Lots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 are set out in Attachment 1 enclosed with this letter.

The reasons for the scores awarded are set out in Attachment 2 enclosed with this letter.

The proposed framework agreement will be awarded to the suppliers set out in Attachment 3 enclosed with this letter.

Your attention is drawn to your obligation to hold your bid open for acceptance during the period specified in the ITT and / or any associated clarifications.

This letter constitutes notice under Regulation 86 of the 2015 Public Contracts Regulations.

In accordance with Regulation 87 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) contracting authorities are obliged to introduce a "standstill" period of 10 days between selecting a winning bidder and entering into a binding agreement. This notice is being sent to all bidders today by electronic means. NHS SBS therefore intends to enter into a framework agreement for this procurement at the end of the standstill period. The standstill period will commence on **27/01/2024** (namely the next day after the date of this letter), with the last day of the standstill period being **05/02/2024** at midnight.

You are strongly advised not to incur any expense or enter into any binding arrangement(s) until such time as you receive a signed and dated contract back from NHS SBS. Please note that before the contract is executed, NHS SBS will not be liable for any costs (or any other commitment you enter into) as a result of your taking part in this procurement process.

Once the contract has been completed the liability of NHS SBS for your costs will only be as set out in the contract.

No later than 30 days after the commencement of the Framework Agreement, NHS SBS will publish a formal contract award notice on Contracts Finder and Find a Tender (FTS) to inform the market of the outcome of the procurement.

We would like to thank you for the time and effort spent in submitting your offer and look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours faithfully,

NHS SBS Sourcing Team