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Planning

## **Supply of Upright Freezer for storage of clinical products.**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042a41

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Bristol

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Upright Freezer for storage of clinical products.

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.1.4) Short description**

Range of freezers which are suitable for the storage of frozen blood components (for transfusion), samples and reagents. The freezer offered must be classified as a medical device.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

NHS Blood & Transplant (NHSBT) intends to undertake a procurement tender exercise for range of freezers which are suitable for the storage of frozen blood components (for transfusion), samples and reagents. The freezer offered must be classified as a medical device.

NHSBT now wishes to commence a formal procurement process and is seeking to engage with suppliers of freezers available in the marketplace. This will aid identification of opportunities and gauge market interest in this field.

We require the services to cover the following: -

- The freezer must be of a robust design for continual use within a busy laboratory, manufacturing, or despatch area. Doors are likely to be opened frequently at the start of a shift and 'warm' items returned to the freezer after use. Temperatures of test kits and reagents may be up to 22 degrees after use.
- The freezer must maintain the specified internal temperatures when working in a laboratory environment where temperatures can vary from +18 to +26 degrees C.
- The freezer must maintain temperature within acceptable range to ensure product, sample, or reagent integrity. The range accuracy of alarm setting must be +/- 0.10C and accuracy of thermometer must be +/- 1.0 degrees or better. For a -400C freezer the tolerance must be +/- 50C or better. For a -35 degrees C the freezer the tolerance must be +/- 4 degrees C or better.
- The freezer must operate using a UK standard plug for a 240V electrical supply.

It is NHSBT's intention to hold pre-procurement supplier engagement meetings the week of January 22nd to January 31st 2024. The meetings will be held remotely; the dates are to be confirmed. To enable NHSBT to finalise arrangements (e.g. send meeting details and agree time slots) for the meetings, interested organisations are required to send an expression of interest via email to Sahithi Bandi - [sahithi.bandit@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:sahithi.bandit@nhsbt.nhs.uk) no later than 17:00 hrs (GMT) on 01/12/2023. This should include a list of your potential attendees and a brief overview (or a website link) of the Goods / Services which might be offered.

No business whatsoever is guaranteed under any resulting framework agreement or contract, and there is no guarantee that any framework agreement or contract will be put in place in relation to this notice. No compensation etc. will be paid if a tender or resulting framework agreement is withdrawn for any reason. Bidders should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

It should be noted that this procurement exercise may allow other Health authorities to use any agreements awarded.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

2 January 2024

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes