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Contract

Logistics and Warehouse Support for Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

The NHS Commissioning Board operating as NHS England

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The NHS Commissioning Board operating as NHS England

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Country

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NUTS code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

National registration number

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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**

Logistics and Warehouse Support for Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Reference number

45217

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

On behalf of the NHS England and Improvement (the "Authority"), NHS Arden and GEM Commissioning Support Unit (AG CSU) invited suitably qualified, licensed and experienced service providers to submit their bids for providing warehousing and logistics services appropriate for the storage and handling of vaccines, which currently are expected to include Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT) materials and other associated materials.

Please see section "II.2.4 - Description of the procurement" for further information regarding this opportunity.

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: £7,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33651600 - Vaccines
- 63122000 - Warehousing services
- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As part of the NHS Response to the Covid-19 pandemic a Vaccine delivery unit was established to design & implement a solution for the deployment of vaccines. As part of that solution a warehousing & logistics service was established to handle and deliver Covid -19 vaccines to designated sites, which has contributed to the success of the vaccine programme. The Authority has looked to the future and the requirements for warehouse and logistics services to continue this good work. Therefore, AGCSU on behalf of the Authority invited suitably qualified, licensed and experienced service providers to submit bids for providing warehousing and logistics services appropriate for vaccines and other associated materials.

The key objective of this procurement were to select a service provider(s) to provide:

- Safe, effective and appropriate storage/warehousing for vaccines, which will include for vaccines with Ultra Low Temperature handling characteristics and associated consumables
- Safe, effective and appropriate distribution of vaccines with varying handling characteristics and associated consumables materials to multiple designated delivery sites; and
- Appropriate equipment for the storage and distribution of vaccines and associated consumables. It should be noted that the Authority may provide FOC the ULT freezers

The Procurement is to award two contracts for a period of 12 months with the option to extend by two separate periods of up to 6-months each. The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for providing the Services across England whereby there will be a split of volume and activity on an East & West Split (with an extra split of the London region of 50/50).

The Authority is appointing 2 Providers for these Services. Whilst each Provider will be required to provide the Services on a national basis if required by the Authority, it is the Authority's intention that the Providers will provide Services on a regional split basis, with one Provider providing Services and delivering vaccines to the east of England with the other Provider providing Services and delivering vaccines to the west of England.

It should be noted that any service may be subject to variation during its term, which will be dictated by the emerging science and policy changes. Such variation may include but not be limited to:

- Approval of new vaccines that may require handling based on the individual vaccine handling characteristic or requirements for joint-vaccination with other vaccines
- Changes to the profile of eligible cohorts to receive the vaccine, which may increase/decrease the volume of vaccines to be handled and distributed and the designated sites to which deliveries will be required

- Increases in the type and number of and type of vaccine consumables
- Requirement for IT integration to the Successful Bidders systems to enable automation of vaccine orders by designated sites 'Pull delivery model' and include automated operation and performance reporting.

The actual volumes of vaccine and type is not yet fully known and therefore any volumes or costs estimates may change during the contract period. However, for the purpose of pricing the Authority provided an estimated value for the initial period of each contract at approximately £6.8M (excluding VAT) and was based on best estimated of volumes contain in the scenario in the ITT for the initial 12-month contract period.

NHS England and NHS Improvement will be the contracting and commissioning authority for the contract resultant from this procurement and the contract will be held between them and the successful bidder(s).

The successful provider commenced mobilisation from November 2021 and services were fully operational and providing services from December 2021.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T1 - Service Requirements – Warehousing / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T2 - Service Requirements - Transport / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T3 - Service Offer – Mobilisation / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T4 – Flexibility / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T5 - Service Requirements - Regulatory / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T6 - IT Systems and integration / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T7 - Data Security/Information Governance / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T8 - Premises (inc Business continuity) / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion - Name: Section: T9 - HR and Workforce Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value criterion – Name Section: SV2-1 : Social Value (inc. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights) / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value criterion – Name Section: SV3-1 : Social Value (inc. Environment - Sustainability) / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Price criterion – Name Section: P1 - Qualitative question / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Price criterion – Name Section: P2 - Limitation of liability question / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 15 (7.5 E & 7.5 W)

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Price weight (15%) is based on 7.5% for East & 7.5% West

Potential bidders registered with NHS AG CSU's e-procurement portal, for access to the following web link: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu> and search for reference number 45217

All information relating to this procurement will be available at the above described e-procurement web portal.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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: [2021/S 000-017280](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Logistics and Warehouse Support for Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AAH Pharmaceuticals

Centurion Park, Centurion Way, Wilnecote,

Tamworth

B77 5PZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG24 - Staffordshire CC

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,200,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Title

Logistics and Warehouse Support for Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 December 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Alloga UK Limited

Castlewood Business Park, Farmwell Lane, South Normanton

Derbyshire

DE55 2JX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,600,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Strand

London

WCA 2LL

Country

United Kingdom