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Planning

Specialist Courier Services_ Pathology & Pharmacy

NHS South West - Acutes

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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South west region

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Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/45644>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Specialist Courier Services_ Pathology & Pharmacy

Reference number

BWPCNC001637-1

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64120000 - Courier services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This PIN seeks to engage with the specialist courier suppliers with experience in pathology and pharmacy transportation services, to understand the market capacity and capability to cope with our requirements.

Should you be interested in this tender, please contact us to request a copy of the Market Questionnaire by emailing Patty Campos at patty.campos@nbt.nhs.uk. The deadline to return the questionnaire is 30/01/2023.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to enable BWPC to complete a Market Research stage, which will be used to shape the tender for courier services for NBT and UHBW requirements.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lot 1: Combined Pathology and Pharmacy Courier Services

Lot 2: Pathology Courier Services

Lot 3: Pharmacy Courier Services

Subject to responses to this PIN, the Authority will evaluate Lot 1, if there is a successful

bidder meeting all the requirements then Lot 1 will be awarded and lots 2/3 cancelled.

Otherwise, the Authority will evaluate Lots 2/3 and award two separate contracts.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Combined Pathology and Pharmacy

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64120000 - Courier services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

High-level Pathology requirements:

The Authority requires the transport of the following:

1. Pathology specimens from a range of collection points to the Pathology Sciences laboratories at Southmead hospital site.

- A pre-agreed schedule of collections must be met \pm 10 minutes
- Specimens are to be delivered within 4 hours of collection

2. Deliveries of Blood taking consumables, blood, liquid nitrogen and documents between the laboratories at Southmead and customers of the Authority.

- These customers are primarily local General Practitioners and local NHS Providers
- Next day delivery of these items is required

3. There is a requirement to provide, ad hoc transport services, weekdays between 8am and 6pm, to support the transport of urgent samples as well as routine overnight transport

to a range of UK locations.

- All ad-hoc routine blood products movements need to be collected within 45 minutes of booking.
- Pathology samples to be transported in validated temperature-controlled vehicles or transports containers
- Maintenance of accurate records in compliance with good documentation practice for GDP requirements

High-level Pharmacy requirements:

The Authority requires the transport of the following:

1. Distribution of consignments in accordance with GDP requirements – Guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of Medicinal Products for Human Use (2013/C 343/01).

- Transport of Consignments to Pharmacies and/or other registered premises and/or home addresses / or bona fide customers from the Contract Giver's storage locations or other specified locations (within and without out of hours)
- Maintenance of accurate inventory records in compliance with good documentation practice for GDP requirements
- Initiate emergency same day requests within 1 hr of receipt of call. Pharmaceuticals to be transported in validated temperature controlled vehicles only (no temperature controlled shippers to be used)

In both instances, the services must be compliant with the relevant regulatory bodies, which may include temperature control and security measures.

The implementation of a tracking system will be paramount for the success of the contract.

DBS'd drivers to support deliveries to patient home addresses. Drivers are required to undertake training for GDP and any other relevant regulatory guidance.

The anticipated contract term is an initial term of 3 years, followed by 2 potential annual extensions

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2023

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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