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## **Mechanical Tugs**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042c38

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Bristol

BS34 7QH

#### **Contact**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**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**

Mechanical Tugs

#### **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**

Mechanical Tugs

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

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

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

NHSBT is committed to reducing manual handling activity wherever possible. Through Market research a feasibility pilot with a manual handling equipment (MHE) supplier was undertaken on a mobile team and has proven to reduce the Manual Handling of the IT cabinets/Roll cages. The devices have been very positively received by the team. Hence, the introduction of pedestrian tugs onto the Blood Donation

teams is seen as a

key piece of equipment to help reduce manual handling risk as it reduces the physical pushing/pulling of cages.

The purpose of this document is to provide an outline specification for the initial purchase of 52 battery-operated

pedestrian tugs for use on Blood Donation mobile teams. Including the ongoing maintenance and repair of the

pedestrian tugs for an initial period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further two options of one year,

bringing the contract duration to 5 years.

NHSBT has circa 52 mobile teams who travel to different venues, in various locations within England, to collect

blood component donations from donors. This involves transporting all equipment and consumables required to

collect the target number of donations, from the team base to the scheduled venue. The longest journey time

from team base to venue is approximately 2 hours. The teams transport the critical equipment and consumables

needed to collect component donations in roll cages. They are currently manually handling the roll cages on and

off a 7.5 tonne vehicle.

Should the number of mobile teams increase, we would also require the ability to either purchase or lease

additional pedestrian tugs.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

10 June 2024

End date

9 June 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term of the contract is three years with two options of one year

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

NA

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

8 February 2024

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 8 February 2024

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 January 2024

Local time

10:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The High Court

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

The High Court

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