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Tender

## **Framework Agreement for the Offsite Storage of Liquid Nitrogen Vessels**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-001683

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04564f

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

500 North Bristol Park

Bristol

BS34 7QH

#### **Contact**

Jo Murphy

#### **Email**

[jo.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:jo.murphy@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

#### **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

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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**

Framework Agreement for the Offsite Storage of Liquid Nitrogen Vessels

Reference number

C265127

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 63726300 - Vessel storage services

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

Services

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

The Authority (NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT)) is required to store human tissue and cells for human application, research and IVD products in vapour phase liquid nitrogen vessels. Facilities are available at Birmingham, Bristol, Barnsley, Liverpool, Oxford, and Southampton sites. In some cases, there can be insufficient storage space at these sites, therefore the Authority is required to store some cryovessels off site and to have in place a contingency plan to transfer cryostorage vessels off site for temporary storage in emergency situations.

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is a Special Health Authority in England, with responsibilities across the United Kingdom for organ donation and transplantation. Our core purpose is to 'save and improve lives' through the provision of a safe and reliable supply of blood components, solid organs, stem cells, tissues and related services to the NHS, and to the other UK Health Services where directed.

NHSBT is required to store human tissue and cells for human application, research and IVD products in vapour phase liquid nitrogen vessels. Where facilities are available, storage is carried out at NHSBT sites. In some cases, there is insufficient storage space so NHSBT has a requirement to store some cryostorage vessels permanently off site. There is also a requirement to have in place a contingency plan to transfer cryostorage vessels off site for temporary storage in emergency situations.

This will be a Framework Agreement for the Provision of external storage of liquid

nitrogen vessels containing human tissue and cells for human application.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Open Procurement

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

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

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **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 IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **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: [2024/S 000-013969](#)

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

Date

7 February 2025

Local time

5:00pm

**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: 16 July 2025

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

Date

17 February 2025

Local time

4:00pm

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

**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

The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

500 North Bristol Park

Bristol

BS34 7QH

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United Kingdom

Internet address

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