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Tender

Next Generation Sequencing Testing (NGS)

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Scope

Reference

C362396

Description

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) are seeking a provider for Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) QC testing requirements for the Cellular and Molecular Therapies (CMT) directorate, namely the Clinical Biotechnology Centre (CBC). CBC handle a number of products in the production of Advanced Therapeutic Investigational Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and starter material master cell banks (MCBs). These require NGS QC testing services that meet specific regulatory requirements.

Total value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £660,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

One (1) year optional extension

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

One (1) year optional extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

Contract locations

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As detailed in tender documents (<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/> - C362396

Technical ability conditions of participation

As detailed in tender documents (<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/> - C362396. Must be EU Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Licenced.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

29 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

9 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	60.00%
Quality	Quality	30.00%
Social Value	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Payment terms

30 days

Description of risks to contract performance

Regulatory Changes: Future amendments to applicable laws, regulations, or industry standards may require adjustments to processes, compliance obligations, or service delivery models. Such changes could necessitate contract modifications to ensure continued compliance and operational effectiveness.

Authority Requirements: The Authority's operational priorities or service requirements may change during the contract term. These changes could affect contract usage volumes, scope, or delivery expectations, either positively (increased demand) or negatively (reduced demand). Where such changes occur, the contract may need to be varied to reflect revised requirements.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

It is the intention of the Authority to follow a two-stage process under this procedure as follows. However, the Authority retains the right to amend the stages if required throughout the process. This includes amending the number of stages or re-running any stage of the process.

Tender Stage 1:

- Publish tender notice and tender documents
- Receive tenders
- Assess tenders to shortlist those to be invited to Stage 2
- Notify shortlisted suppliers and invite to Stage 2

Tender Stage 2:

- Conduct presentations

Award Stage:

- Notify suppliers and issue assessment summaries
- Publish contract award notice and commence standstill
- Award contract

Contracting authority

NHS Blood and Transplant

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDBY-6395-VWBP

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government