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## **Rapid Molecular Testing Service for Public Health Wales**

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**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**

Rapid Molecular Testing Service for Public Health Wales

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

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

Public Health Wales, in advance of a tender, would like to invite companies to provide their bespoke options for a rapid molecular service based on 2 lots for Wales at a user engagement session on the 27th February 2023 at Public Health Wales, 2 Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

-Lot 1 being essential supporting pneumonia and meningoencephalitis syndromic algorithm.

-Lot 2 being desirable supporting bone and tissue; gastrointestinal and sexual transmitted syndromic algorithm.

Interested parties will be offered a user engagement session, further details available from the contracting authority.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Essential supporting pneumonia and meningoencephalitis syndromic algorithm.

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All Wales service.

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

Essential supporting pneumonia and meningoencephalitis syndromic algorithm.

- \* Offer must include all instruments, consumables, reagent, support, service and maintenance.
- \* Consideration needs to be taken into capital money investment by Welsh Government in new equipment (BioFire Film Arrays; ePlex and Cepheid) to support rapid diagnosis in the pandemic as these still have an expected shelf life of another 5 years.
- \* In addition, we have some reagent rental instruments in the Network.
- \* Minimal processing time will be required for specimen investigation.
- \* Speed of turnaround time for result will be essential.
- \* Multiplex will be preferred over singleplex targets.
- \* Software interpretation of result and interface to LIMS is essential.
- \* High negative predictive, Sensitivity and Specificity is essential.
- \* Reduce the need for specialist technical interpretation and handling.
- \* Instruments and associated reagents must be compliant with UK Quality marking for equipment, reagents and consumables.
- \* The service is to be fully functional by 1st July 2023.
- \* The current estimates on numbers is a minimum of 20 rapid test per site in the network.
- \* There are 12 Public Health Wales sites with potential to include 3 non-Public Health Wales sites.
- \* Maintain and provide the ability to meet the increase demand and a robust supply chain.
- \* Support our adherence to antibiotic sensitivity testing and reporting guidelines.

#### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Desirable supporting bone and tissue; gastrointestinal and sexual transmitted syndromic algorithm.

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All Wales service.

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

Desirable supporting bone and tissue; gastrointestinal and sexual transmitted syndromic algorithm.

\* Offer must include all instruments, consumables, reagent, support, service and maintenance.

\* Consideration needs to be taken into capital money investment by Welsh Government in new equipment (BioFire Film Arrays; ePlex and Cepheid) to support rapid diagnosis in the pandemic as these still have an expected shelf life of another 5 years.

\* In addition, we have some reagent rental instruments in the Network.

\* Minimal processing time will be required for specimen investigation.

\* Health and Safety during the processing must minimise any potential incident, hazard or risk.

\* Speed of turnaround time for result will be essential.

\* Multiplex will be preferred over singleplex targets.

- \* Software interpretation of result and interface to LIMS is essential.
- \* High negative predictive, Sensitivity and Specificity is essential.
- \* Reduce the need for specialist technical interpretation and handling.
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- \* Support our adherence to antibiotic sensitivity testing and reporting guidelines.
- \* A robust and resilient support post service implementation.

#### **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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

6 March 2023

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

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

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

2 May 2023

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

1. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award the contract in whole, in part or annul the tendering process and not award any contract.
2. Bidders should note that they will be required to enter into terms and conditions of contract as set out in the ITT and that save for matters of clarification or consistency the Contracting Authority will not negotiate the terms.
3. The Contracting Authority will not accept completed ITT's after the stated closing date.
4. All documents to be priced (where applicable) in sterling and all payments made in sterling.
5. All tender costs and liabilities incurred by bidders shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders.
6. Prospective suppliers should note that NHS Shared Services Partnership -

Procurement Services is acting on behalf of Public Health Wales NHS Trust

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

##### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Public Health Wales NHS Trust will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract.

Unsuccessful tenderers and applicants are entitled to receive reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the tenderer/applicant was unsuccessful.

Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.1.

Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any such action is subject to strict time limits in accordance with the Public Contracts (Amendments) Regulations 2015