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Award

Contract for the provision of pathology diagnostic testing and reporting

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03a57b

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Country

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Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the provision of pathology diagnostic testing and reporting

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A contract for the provision of pathology diagnostic testing and reporting services for a period of one year, with an option to extend for a further period of one year.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,320,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ32 - Southampton

Main site or place of performance

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
Tremona Road
Southampton
SO16 6YD

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A direct award to UHS for the supply of pathology diagnostic testing and reporting services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (GWH) intends to award a contract under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii), to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS) in respect of pathology referral testing and reporting, for a period of one year, with an option to extend for a further period of one year. This to maintain a continuation of service delivery, until the requirement is transitioned into the South 4 Pathology Partnership Trust (S4PP) network. This will be undertaken on completion of the network's LIMs IT integration project, which has experienced delay during implementation but is now scheduled to "GoLive" in April 2024. UHS is the incumbent supplier and the new contract, whilst transition to S4PP is ongoing, will ensure that the current service is maintained until the described period of transition is complete, without potential risk to patient care and accumulating both cost and resource pressures. To engage another supplier for a temporary arrangement of this nature may result in the following:

- A detrimental effect on patient care. Laboratory users in GWH will lose the continuity of analysis of tests being performed by the same laboratory. A shift in reference ranges (depending on the analytical platform used) may result in laboratory users having to allow for a change in analytical references when interpreting results, adding a layer of variation and complication in a series of their patient results.
- IT system set-up. GWH relies on NPEX to send samples and receive reports back electronically. A temporary connection would need to be established with a new provider, resulting in the need for both IT and laboratory additional resource and subsequent cost. If manual (typed) reporting is required during set-up, additional staff will need to be recruited while an IT connection is established.
- Documents within the laboratory will need to be re-written to incorporate a new supplier, which will require additional resource.
- Packaging and transport will need reviewing and changing to accommodate any new supplier. This will result in additional resource to conduct the review and potentially additional cost to purchase suitable packaging.
- Turnaround times (TATs) may vary while a new supplier is established. UHS TATs to GWH are both established and consistent, and users use this information to arrange subsequent clinics and consultations accordingly.
- As a result of a review of the elements outlined above, GWH considers that for technical reasons described above, awarding UHS is the only reasonable solution to as it mitigates the risk of a detrimental effect on the service and an accumulation of preventable cost and resource pressures.

GWH will observe a 10 day standstill period from the date of this notice before entering into a contract with UHS.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Management Offices, Mailpoint 18, Southampton General Hospital, Tremona Road,
Southampton

Southampton

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Internet address

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,320,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Salisbury Managed Procurement Services

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, Odstock Road

Salisbury

SP2 8BJ

Country

United Kingdom

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

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