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Tender

Managed Service for the Bacterial Screening of Platelets

NHS Blood and Transplant

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03590d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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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

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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

Managed Service for the Bacterial Screening of Platelets

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHSBT are looking for a fully integrated, high throughput, automated bacterial screening system which can detect bacterial contamination in platelet components. The system will be used in Filton (Bristol), Manchester and Colindale (London) where approximately 270,000 adult therapeutic doses of platelets are manufactured each year.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48921000 - Automation system
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 71632000 - Technical testing services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 85146000 - Services provided by blood banks
- 38434520 - Blood analysers
- 33698100 - Microbiological cultures

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHSBT requires a direct contractual relationship with either the manufacturer or any other economic operator for a complete end-to-end integrated solution, which must include all the necessary equipment, installation, maintenance, consumables, reagents, software, including an inter-operability provision with NHSBT's existing IT infrastructure, and an overall on-going support mechanism that may be required to carry out the necessary testing as stated below. All invitro diagnostic medical devices, for example, instruments, consumables, and reagents must be CE/UKCA marked. GB will continue to recognise CE marking under the IVDD or IVDR until 30 June 2023 and from 1 July 2023 devices placed on the GB market must be UKCA marked under the UK MDR 2002 as amended. The end-to-end solution must be capable of producing test results in a format that can be utilised by NHSBT's host IT system (PULSE) without the need for changes to PULSE.

NHSBT are looking for a fully integrated, high throughput, automated bacterial screening system which can detect bacterial contamination in platelet components. The system will be used in Filton (Bristol), Manchester and Colindale (London) where approximately 270,000 adult therapeutic doses of platelets are manufactured each year. The system must be CE/UKCA marked. Additional requirements to be included with the managed service contract include:

- continuous calibrated temperature monitoring
- ability to integrate with NHSBT information management system
- alerting software (for positive results, hardware errors, temperature excursions)
- consumables (including, but not limited to, sterile sampling connecting devices)

All test protocols must be in accordance with the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion service in the United Kingdom (<https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/red-book>) and the Good Practice Guidelines for Blood Establishments that are Required to Comply with Directive 2005/62/EC. These are published in the 20th edition of the Guide to the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components.

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: £29,270,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 x 1 year extension options.

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

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-021457](#)

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

Date

28 March 2023

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: 28 September 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 March 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

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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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