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## **Supply of Liquid Nitrogen**

UK Biobank Ltd  
UK Biocentre Ltd

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-029ee5

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

UK Biobank Ltd

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA25607](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA25607)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

UK Biocentre Ltd

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Milton Keynes

MK7 8AT

**Email**

[tenders@ukbiocentre.com](mailto:tenders@ukbiocentre.com)

**Telephone**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukbiocentre.com](http://www.ukbiocentre.com)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA38249](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA38249)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

UK Biocentre Limited

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

## **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**

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen

Reference number

UKBB012

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

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

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

Supplies

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

UK Biobank (UKBB) and UK Biocentre (UKBC) require the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN). UKBB is tendering on behalf of itself and UKBC.

UK Biobank (UKBB) is a major national health resource, and a registered charity in its own right, with the aim of improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of serious and life-threatening illnesses – including cancer, heart diseases, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, eye disorders, depression and forms of dementia.

UK Biocentre (UKBC) was incorporated as a limited company on 4 May 2011 as a separate legal entity to its owner, UK Biobank, in order to utilise the skills and knowledge gained by UK Biobank in sample storage, processing, analysis and management. The primary service offered by UKBC to its customers is the collection, storage and assay of biological samples gathered from human volunteers.

This Contract Notice relates to the award of two contracts:

Lot 1 – Contract for the Supply of LN to UKBB's site in Cheadle, Stockport, UK from 28 June 2021;

Lot 2 – Contract for the Supply of LN to UKBC's sites located in Milton Keynes and Oxford, UK from 28 June 2021.

Tenders can be submitted for one or both of the Lots.

This specification (provided as part of the procurement documents) sets out the requirements for the supply of LN.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

2

## **II.2) Description**

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

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen to UK Biobank

Lot No

1

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

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Main site or place of performance

Stockport

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

UK Biobank (UKBB) requires the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN) of a minimum purity grade of

99% to its site in Cheadle, Stockport, UK from 28 June 2021.

UKBB have 2 x 50,000 litre tanks. UKBB will be responsible for the provision of the tanks and the pipework. All telemetry equipment required must be supplied and maintained by the supplier as part of this contract. The supplier is also required to service the UKBB tanks.

Indicative LN volumes required by UKBB are 290 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 5,000 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume). It is not anticipated that these volumes will reduce. However, UKBB does not guarantee any volume of supply.

Further details are set out in the Specification.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Supply & Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Assurance of Supply / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Policies / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term will be for 12 months from 28 June 2021 with the option for UKBB to extend (on one or more occasions) for further period(s) up to a maximum extension of 3 years in total from the end of the initial term. Maximum contract duration of 4 years.

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen to UK Biocentre

Lot No

2

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

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)

Main site or place of performance

Milton Keynes and Oxford

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

UK Biocentre (UKBC) requires the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN) of a minimum purity grade of 99% to its sites in Milton Keynes and Oxford, UK from 28 June 2021.

UKBC have 2 x 2,000 litre tanks in Milton Keynes and 2 x 20,000 litre tanks in Oxford. UKBC will be responsible for the provision of the tanks and the pipework. All telemetry equipment required must be supplied and maintained by the supplier as part of this contract. Servicing of the UKBC tanks is not included within the scope of Lot 2.

Indicative volumes of LN required by UKBC are as follows:

Milton Keynes site: 10 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 110 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume)

Oxford site: 70 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 820 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume)

It is not anticipated that these volumes will reduce but they are expected to increase gradually by 10-15% over the next 2 years. However, UKBC does not guarantee any volume of supply.

Further details are set out in the Specification.

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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.1.1) 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

28 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

**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 July 2021

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

Date

28 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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**

UK Biobank reserves the right to discontinue or delay the procurement process and may decide not to award a contract for Lot 1 and/or Lot 2 as a result of this call for competition. UK Biobank shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any bidder in considering and/or responding to the procurement process. Tenders and supporting documents must be priced in pounds sterling and all payments made under the contract will be in pounds sterling, unless otherwise advised.

Any volume of Liquid Nitrogen referred to within this Contract Notice and/or the procurement documents is indicative only and there is no guarantee or warranty of any Liquid Nitrogen volumes by UKBB or UKBC.

The estimated contract value per Lot for the initial period of 12 months may be in the range of 430,000 - 450,000 GBP for UK Biobank (Lot 1) and 125,000 – 150,000 GBP for UK Biocentre (Lot 2), but it is not possible to provide an overall maximum estimated value for each of the contracts. However, based on the initial 12 month period highlighted above and whilst recognising the value may vary, the overall maximum value if the contracts are extended for the full 4 year period could be in the range of 1.5 – 1.8 million GBP for UK Biobank and 0.4 – 0.5 million GBP for UK Biocentre. The figures stated in Section II.1.5 and Section II.2.6 (for each of Lot 1 and Lot 2) are the maximum figures in these ranges.

UKBB will incorporate a standstill period at the point the decision in relation to the award of the contracts is notified to bidders. The standstill period, which will be a minimum of ten (10) calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful bidders to lodge an appeal in regards to the award decisions, before the contracts are entered into.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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

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

The High Court

Cabinet Office

London

Country

United Kingdom