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Tender

DNA, Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Framework

Liverpool City Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=d3cc5c69-da87-ef11-8130-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=d3cc5c69-da87-ef11-8130-005056b64545>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DNA, Drug and Alcohol Testing Services Framework

Reference number

DN747347

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

You are invited by Liverpool City Council on behalf of the Liverpool City Region to submit a tender for inclusion on a Framework Agreement for DNA, Drugs and Alcohol Testing Services.

The framework will be available for the use of Liverpool City Council and all Liverpool City Region Local Authorities including Sefton Borough Council, Wirral Borough Council, St Helens Borough Council, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Halton Borough Council.

The Liverpool City Region Local Authorities must meet a range of statutory obligations to ensure that decisions about children are made using robust information. Often this information is obtained through a range of forensic tests and expert assessments to support care planning decisions.

Forensic testing (a term used to cover DNA, drug and alcohol testing) are used to help inform decision making, particularly in regard to the safeguarding of children. These tests are typically carried out before going to court, during care proceedings or are ordered by the court.

The Framework will be broken down as follows:

Lot 1: DNA Testing (Adults, Children's and Legal Services)

Lot 2: Drug & Alcohol Testing (Adults, Children's and Legal Services)

Lot 3: Drug Testing (LCC Taxi Licensing Unit)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

DNA sampling and testing

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service will be required to provide DNA, drug, and alcohol testing via usual methods (e.g. hair, blood, saliva, and urine), as appropriate and as directed by collaborating authority representatives. All sample collection and subsequent testing must be to approved Family Court standards and follow strict procedures to maintain chain of custody.

Any laboratory used in the testing of samples must be a UKAS accredited laboratory to ISO 17025 standards.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Start date

2 June 2025

End date

1 June 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Drug and Alcohol sampling and testing

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Drug sampling and testing for Liverpool City Council Taxi Licensing Unit

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD7 - Merseyside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The service will be required to provide drug testing via usual methods (e.g. hair, blood, saliva, and urine), as appropriate and as directed by Liverpool City Council Licensing authority

representatives.

Any laboratory used in the testing of samples must be a UKAS accredited laboratory to ISO 17025 standards.

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 3

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

21 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

21 March 2025

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom