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Tender

EQA Material

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

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

EQA Material

Reference number

CAV-OJEU-58465

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Health Board seek to establish a contract for the supply of EQA Material for Weqas.

Weqas is a National External Quality Assessment provider which monitors the analytical performance of diagnostic laboratories in the UK, Ireland and overseas. Weqas is one of the leading External Quality Assessment (EQA) providers with over 50 years experience in Quality Assurance, providing solutions in Laboratory Medicine.

Weqas is accredited to ISO 17043: Conformity Assessment - General Requirements for Proficiency Testing (4301). The Reference Laboratory is accredited to standard ISO 15195 Laboratory Medicine - Requirements for Reference Measurement Laboratories and ISO 17025-General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories. Weqas is a semi autonomous, non profit making organisation hosted by Cardiff and Vale uHB (legal entity). Weqas is its own independent Clinical Board within Cardiff and Vale uHB.

This contract is for Weqas who require External Quality Assessment [EQA] Material for undertaking global quality assessment programmes for Blood Gas, Co-oximetry, pO2 accuracy, Blood Gas with Haematocrit ,PoCT Hb and Hb variants.

Weqas has a manufacturing facility which manufactures EQA and IQC (Internal Quality Control) material, and therefore, manufactures the majority of products in house, however, some specialized products need to be sourced from a third party supplier.

The product specification will detail the material required to be supplied from this external source for Quality Assurance testing.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

6

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 6

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

EQA Material for Blood Gas

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

two years in annual increments and board's discretion

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

Lot 2

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

EQA material for assessing accuracy of pO2

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Duration in months

84

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.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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

Lot 3

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

EQA material for Blood Gas with Haematocrit

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Duration in months

84

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

Lot 4

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

material for Hb Variants

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Duration in months

84

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.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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

Lot 5

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

material for Co-oximetry

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Duration in months

84

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

Lot 6

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

material for POCT Hb

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

Duration in months

84

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

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

31 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English, Welsh

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

31 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

Bidders should note that they will be required to enter into terms and conditions of contract as set out in the tender documents and that save for matters of clarification or consistency, the contracting authority will not negotiate the terms. The Contracting Authority is proposing to use the Open Procedure to conduct this procurement.

Velindre University NHS Trust will award the contract as hosts of NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership - Procurement Services. For the avoidance of doubt, Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board will be entering into the contract with the appointed provider.

All tender costs and liabilities incurred by bidders shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders. The contracting authority reserves the right to award the Contract in whole or in part. The contracting authority reserves the right to pause, halt and/or annul the tendering process and not to award the Contract.

The Contract to which this procurement relates are funded via Welsh Government funding. Please refer to the invitation to tender for rights reserved to the contracting authority should the said funding cease or reduce.

Delivery of the requirement under the proposed Contract is on 1st July 2024.

To complete your formal proposal, please access the ITT via the Bravo eTender Wales portal where you will find a full suite of tender documentation.

1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

- Browse the eSourcing portal: <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/> and click the link

to register

- Accept the Ts and Cs and click 'continue'
- Enter your correct business/user details

2. Express and interest in the tender

- Log into the portal with the username/password
- Click the 'ITT Open to all suppliers' link
- Click on ITT_115527
- Click the 'express interest' button at the top of the page
- This will move the ITT into your 'my ITT's page (this is a secure area reserved for your projects only)
- You can now access any attachments by clicking 'buyer attachments' in the 'ITT details' box

3. Responding to the tender

- Click 'my response' under 'ITT details' and you can choose to 'create response' or to 'decline to respond' (please give a reason if declining)
- You can now use the 'messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification
- Note the deadline for completion and then follow the on screen instructions to complete the tender response.

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on:

Sell2Wales at http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=140763

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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