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Tender

Supply of liquid nitrogen

UK Biobank Ltd

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044628

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Biobank Ltd

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Stockport

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Email

tenders@ukbiobank.ac.uk

Telephone

+44 7824509469

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

I.3) Communication

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

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

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

Supply of liquid nitrogen

Reference number

UKBB018

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This Invitation to Tender ('ITT') is being issued by UK Biobank ('UKB') and invites tender submissions (a 'Bid') for liquid nitrogen.

UKB is a company limited by guarantee and a registered UK charity established by its two founding funders: the Medical Research Council and Wellcome. It is a large-scale biomedical database and research resource containing genetic, lifestyle and health information from half a million UK participants. UKB is globally accessible to approved researchers who are undertaking health-related research that is in the public interest.

UKB recruited 500,000 people aged between 40-69 years in 2006-2010 from across the UK. With their consent, they provided detailed information about their lifestyle, physical measures and had blood, urine and saliva samples collected and stored for future analysis. It is a major contributor in the advancement of modern medicine and treatment, enabling better understanding of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of serious and life-threatening illnesses – including cancer, heart diseases and stroke. Over 30,000 researchers from more than 90 countries use UKB and more than 7,000 peer-reviewed papers have been published as a result.

For further information about UKB please see www.ukbiobank.ac.uk.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UK Biobank (UKB) requires the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN) of a minimum purity grade of 99% to its site in Cheadle, Stockport, UK from 28 June 2024.

UKB have 2 x 50,000 litre tanks. UKB 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 UKB tanks.

Indicative LN volumes required by UKB are 290 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 5,000 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume). It is not anticipated that these volumes will reduce until Q4 2026. However, UKB does not guarantee any volume of supply.

Further details are set out in the Specification

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Supply and 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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term will be for 12 months from 28 June 2024 with the option for UKB to extend (on one or more occasions) for further period(s) up to a maximum extension of 2 years in total from the end of the initial term. Maximum contract duration of 3 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

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

Date

10 April 2024

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: 10 July 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

10 April 2024

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

UK Biobank reserves the right to discontinue or delay the procurement process and may decide not to award a contract 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 UKB.

The estimated contract value for the initial period of 12 months may be in the range of 450,000 - 500,000 GBP (not including energy subsidies) but it is not possible to provide an overall maximum estimated value. However, based on the initial 12 month period highlighted above and whilst recognising the value may vary, the overall maximum value if the contract is extended for the full 3 year period could be in the range of 1.35 – 1.8 million GBP.

UKB 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.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=231485.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

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

London

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>