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Award

Supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044b78

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gwh.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gwh.nhs.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 Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits to Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £60,640

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits is geographically locked, as all kits must be produced and delivered within a strict timescale, to ensure the level of radioactive decay is of an acceptable amount. In order to ensure that a fair market assessment was conducted, a Prior Information Notice ("PIN") was released on 28th November 2023, on behalf of both SFT and GWH. Three suppliers provided a response, with only the two current incumbent providers (UHS & UHBW) opting to respond stating that they would like to be considered. For this reason, the participating authorities (SFT & GWH) were not able to run a competitive exercise, and therefore a direct award to University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust for the Supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits, for the purposes of Nuclear Medicine Diagnostics, was chosen as the only available route for GWH.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust ("GWH") awarded a contract under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii), to University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust (hereafter referred to as "UHBW") in respect of the Supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits, for a period of one (1) year, with no option to extend. This is to

maintain continuation of the Nuclear Medicine service delivery for patients both currently receiving and due to receive treatment and/or diagnostics at GWH. This will also align this contract with a similar contract at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust for the Supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits, provided by University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust. UHBW is the incumbent supplier for Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits at GWH and the new contract will ensure that the current service is maintained until the time a re-tender is required, without risk to patient care or the accumulation of cost and resource pressures. To award another supplier a temporary arrangement of this nature may result in the following:

Trust Turnaround Times and Patient Care: Variations in turnaround time for the delivery of these kits, while new systems for ordering, receipting and payment are set up. Currently UHBW routes for the supply of Pre-Prepared Radiopharmaceutical Kits are established and consistent, with adequate governance surrounding Data Protection in place. Risking this could lead to increased turnaround times for the delivery of these kits, and kits being unnecessarily disposed of if an unsuitable level of radioactive decay has occurred. Furthermore, if a contract is not awarded to the contracting authorities' incumbent supplier, no other provider is currently able or willing to provide this service (as described within II.2.4).

Packaging and Transport: New routes of transport for Pharmaceuticals would have to be set up. This would create uncertainties for both the Trust and the patients that existing processes could be upheld, including delivery times, delivery windows, care for packaging and prevention of breakages. Packaging requirements may also vary, leading to additional costs of purchase, and increased time to carry out alternative packaging requirements.

Accreditation: A supplier of Radiopharmaceuticals would need to possess an appropriate license granted by the MHRA to enable them to supply radioisotopes, either in the form of a Manufacturers/importers License (MIA license) or a Manufacturer 'specials' licence (MS License). The time required to adequately review an alternative provider would further delay this process leading to a drop in patient care whilst Radiopharmaceutical Kits could not be obtained.:

GWH has reviewed the factors described and considers that for the technical reasons listed, awarding to UHBW is the only reasonable solution as it mitigates the risk of a detrimental effect on the service and the accumulation of preventable cost and resource pressures until a re-tender can be undertaken.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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NUTS code

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Internet address

<https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £60,640

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

Odstock Road

Salisbury

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.salisbury.nhs.uk/>

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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