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## **UK Domestic Plasma Fractionation Service**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030b9d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

NHS England

Quarry House

Leeds

LS2 7UE

#### **Email**

[liz.fleetwood1@nhs.net](mailto:liz.fleetwood1@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

<http://health.atamis.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**

UK Domestic Plasma Fractionation Service

Reference number

C51842

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

- 33651520 - Immunoglobulins

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

Supplies

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

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) is undertaking a competitive dialogue process to select a single organisation to provide a toll fractionation service using UK Plasma. Please see below/ procurement documents for full details.

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 33651520 - Immunoglobulins
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#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) in conjunction with NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) issued Prior Information Notices (PIN) in August 2021 and January 2022, seeking to gather information and feedback from the plasma fractionation market, as recognised experts, to help inform the strategy to contract for fractionation services using UK plasma.

Having reflected upon the feedback received, NHSE&I is now commencing a Competitive Dialogue process, to select a single organisation to provide a toll fractionation service using UK plasma.

The UK recognises that medicinal products derived from UK plasma have not been manufactured for more than 20 years. As such there is a much to learn and/or relearn. This procurement, and the wider project its supports, are therefore seen as the UK's initial step (or pilot project) to achieve partial self-sufficiency for plasma derived medicinal products for the exclusive use of NHS patients in the UK.

As such, this procurement is not expected to be a one off exercise. Rather the learning from this project is expected to inform future procurements and how the UK works with selected fractionators to achieve its long term ambitions for self-sufficiency.

As regards Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the respective Blood Services (represented by their hosting bodies where applicable) for each of the regions have expressed interest in this procurement. Therefore the Blood Services for each region (including their hosting bodies where applicable), the Devolved Administration for each region and the NHS providers in each region (as potential buyers of products derived from fractionation) are included by NHSE&I as Participating Authorities ("PAs") within this Contract Notice, as further defined in the tender documents.

This provides an option for each of the above bodies to be a party to the contractual arrangements that will result from this procurement (by entering into essentially identical but separate contracts, under the law and jurisdiction of the relevant region in each case), but does not bind them to do so. Further details of the decision and implementation processes for the PAs in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will be provided during the next stage of this procurement (Invitation to Participate in Dialogue

The Authority and PA's reserve the right to amend any plasma volumes stated within the procurement documents.

Interested organisations can register their interest and access the procurement documents for full details here <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Once registered, you will be invited to sign a tripartite non-disclosure agreement (NDA). If you have previously signed an NDA as part of the 2 PIN notices issued for this tender, the NDA continues to apply during the tender period and until a contract has been entered

into.

The deadline for completion of the Selection Questionnaire within Atamis is 12th May 2022 at 13:00hrs

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £600,000,000

#### **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.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Please see procurement documents for full details

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

Please see procurement documents for full details

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Please see procurement documents for full details

#### **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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please see procurement documents for full details

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive dialogue

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during**

## **negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-001284](#)

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

Date

12 May 2022

Local time

1:00pm

### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

11 April 2022

### **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: 1 November 2023

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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

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

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

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