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## **The Provision of a Pathology Specimen Referral Service for Overseas Bases**

Ministry of Defence

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032d3e

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

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

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#### **Country**

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#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/go/1443871601801D856B00>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.contracts.mod.uk/go/1443871601801D856B00>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

The Provision of a Pathology Specimen Referral Service for Overseas Bases

Reference number

703085450

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

- 85111800 - Pathology services

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

Services

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

This is for the provision of a coherent specimen referral and assay service to support all permanent Authority overseas locations and deployed units.

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

Value excluding VAT: £145,500

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85110000 - Hospital and related services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85111820 - Bacteriological analysis services
- 85112000 - Hospital support services

- 85112200 - Outpatient care services
- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Contractor's site

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

#### **1. Background**

1.1. The requirement will be issued by Defence Medical Services (DMS).

1.2. This is for the provision of a coherent specimen referral and assay service to support all permanent Authority overseas locations and deployed units.

#### **2. Requirement Overview**

2.1. The Contractor will be responsible for producing an electronic Laboratory Handbook to list all tests available in-house, with sample requirements, pre-analytical requirements, and estimated turnaround time (TAT) coherent with the RCPATH guidelines.

2.2. Sample testing include, but are not limited to, Bio, Micro, Histo, Haem and Cyto.

2.3. The average number of tests over a 12-month period is 3000, however due to the unpredictability of the referral service, usage may decline or increase during the lifetime of the contract.

2.4. It is the responsibility of the Authority to organise and coordinate shipment of all samples specimens

2.5. The Contractor will be expected to provide a 24 hour, 365/year sample collection/processing service and email or telephone contact for monitoring transportation of samples.

2.6. A 24-hour telephone service from a pathologist/clinical scientist/biomedical scientist will also be necessary for providing the Authority with technical advice on haematology,

clinical chemistry, microbiology, and cellular pathology results/issues.

2.7 A fast and secure method that conforms to the General Data Protection Regulations must be executed for delivering results to the Authority and agreed failsafe measures shall be implemented to ensure DMS patient safety and compliance with national service standards.

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

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

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

Start date

1 July 2022

End date

30 June 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Three (3) Years with a potential for option years (1+1+1)

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Three (3) Years with a potential for option years (1+1+1)

#### **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 link to access tender on Defence Sourcing Portal:

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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

To participate in the tender and submit a bid, tenderers are required to complete a Supplier Assurance Questionnaire on Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP).

This Contract is classified at Official Sensitive (OS) and will be procured in line with Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015

##### **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

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## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

18 May 2022

Local time

5:00pm

#### **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: 16 August 2022

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

18 May 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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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 invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

Ministry of Defence

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