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Tender

## **Agreement for the Supply of a Microbiology Managed Service Contract for South Midlands Pathology.**

HealthTrust Europe LLP (HTE) acting on behalf of

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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Main address

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**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://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

**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**

Agreement for the Supply of a Microbiology Managed Service Contract for South Midlands Pathology.

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

- 85111800 - Pathology services

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

Services

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

The Tender is to establish an Agreement for the supply of Microbiology Managed Service Contract (“Agreement”)

The duration of the Agreement will be 14 years maximum; 7 years initial period with the option of extending for up to 7 further years.

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

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

South Midlands Pathology Network are seeking a partner to implement a Microbiology Managed Service Contract (“MSC”) that will include the provision of maintenance and replacement of pathology equipment, associated connectivity and the supply of consumables, associated items, chemicals and reagents. The award will be to one supplier and for three individual contracts, the Contracting Authorities will be; University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (on behalf of Coventry and Warwickshire Pathology Services (“CWPS”)), Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, and Wye Valley NHS Trust respectively.

CWPS includes the following Trusts:

- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
- George Eliot NHS Trust
- South Warwickshire University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The scope of this MSC includes, but is not limited to, sample receipt, pre-analytical systems, routine microbiology sampling, blood culture, serology, urinalysis and post-analytical systems.

The annual spend through the Agreement is estimated to be £50,000,000.00 for the initial Term of the contract. This may increase by a further £102,000,000.00 in the extended period.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS / ACTIVITY BASED INCOME (ABI)** The terms and conditions of this Agreement and any resulting call-off contract is appended to the ITT. These terms include provisions requiring the payment by the supplier of an ABI management charge in consideration of the award of this Agreement, the management and administration by HTE of the overall contract structure and associated documentation, as well as the requirement to submit regular management information to HTE. **SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND PROCUREMENT**

**INFORMATION** This exercise will be conducted on the HTE Bravo portal. Candidates wishing to be considered must register expressions of interest as follows: Register on the HTE portal at <https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>. Login to the portal with username/password. Click the SQs/ITTs Open to All Suppliers link. These are the SQs/ITTs open to any registered supplier. Click on the relevant SQ/ ITT to access the content. Click the Express Interest button at the top of the page. This will move the SQ/ITT into your My SQs/My ITTs page. You can access any attachments by clicking Buyer Attachments in the

SQ/ITT Details box. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the SQ/ITT. Submit your reply using the Submit Response button at the top of the page. If you require any further advice, contact the Bravo e- Tendering Help Desk at [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk). Sid4Gov HTE utilises the sid4gov supplier information database. Candidates should register on sid4gov at <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register> and submit their sid4gov company profile for publication on the database. Candidates already registered on sid4gov must ensure information is up to date. Where access to sid4gov is unavailable, please contact the sid4gov helpdesk at [sid4gov@gps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sid4gov@gps.gsi.gov.uk). Please note that sid4gov does not prepopulate any fields of the SQ on HTE's Bravo portal. Candidates must complete the Qualification & Technical Envelopes of the SQ in Bravo in full.

### **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: £50,000,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Contract may be extended for a further 84 months with the extension periods to be agreed between the Contracting Authority and the Successful Tenderer.

### **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

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

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

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

HTE may request such information as may be requested pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Details are provided in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Competitive dialogue

#### **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 000-026575](#)

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

Date

5 May 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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

22 May 2023

#### **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**

Duration in months: 18 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

HTE is undertaking central purchasing body activities in carrying out this tender exercise by virtue of its partnership with MSE . Notwithstanding HTE's relationship with MSE, it is HTE conducting this tender exercise and all enquiries should be directed to HTE as confirmed in Section 1 above.

The bodies to whom the use of this Agreement will be open include all contracting authorities in the UK as defined in Regulation 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as may be updated from time to time. In particular, the following entities in the UK (particularly those of a health and/or social care nature) are envisaged as Agreement users: Public sector classification guide and forward work plan - Office for National Statistics ([ons.gov.uk](https://ons.gov.uk)).

To view the list use the downloadable spreadsheet. This list includes each organisation's successors and assigns, any equivalent organisations and associated organisation created due to any organisational changes.

This Agreement will be open to any bodies or organisations operating in the UK of a health, and/or social care nature or which have a similar procurement need, and/or any UK based central government authority listed at Annex I of Directive 2014/24/EU, in respect of any goods or services to any of the above listed organization.

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

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

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### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

HTE will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.