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Contract

Microbiology service including clinical Microbiology lab testing and advice

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Musgrove Park Hospital

Taunton

TA1 5DA

Contact

Hollie Caddy

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK23 - Somerset

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.somersetft.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

Microbiology service including clinical Microbiology lab testing and advice

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111800 - Pathology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To provide a range of diagnostic services and care pathways including Virology, Serology, Molecular and Clinical advice. The provision of a comprehensive diagnostic referral service and incident support services.

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: £162,993

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

Main site or place of performance

Musgrove Park Hospital

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The provision of a comprehensive diagnostic microbiology service including clinical advice to healthcare professionals.

The Authority is intending to award the contract to an existing provider following the direct award process C.

The lifetime value of this contract is expected to be £162,993.

The contract dates are 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

This is an existing service with the existing provider.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Existing provider is satisfying the original contract and will likely satisfy the proposed contract to a sufficient standard / Weighting: 100

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:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The standstill period begins on the day after the publication of this notice. Representations by providers must be made to the relevant authority by 31 March 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

UK Health Security Agency

Harwell Campus

oxford

OX11 0RQ

Telephone

+49 1235825412

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

National registration number

00000N/A

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £162,993

Total value of the contract/lot: £162,993

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) confirmation of contract award notice. This contract has been awarded under the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

The decision makers were: Service Manager for Pathology, Bereavement & Spiritual Care Services
Clinical Support & Cancer Services Directorate

No conflicts of interest were declared among decision makers.

The key criteria were weighted as follows:

30% quality and Innovation

30% Value

15% Integration, Collaboration and Service Sustainability

15% Improving access, reducing health inequalities and facilitating choice

10% Social value

The highest weightings have been applied to ensure a high quality, safe and effective service as providing essential support to the department is vital. Value for money is essential. The provision of a fully integrated service is important to the contract's success.

The rationale for choosing the provider with reference to the key criteria:

The existing suppliers are experienced services providers with a proven track record, and they are highly likely to be able to satisfy the new contract to a sufficient standard.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

Musgrove Park Hospital

Taunton

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Internet address

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHS England

7-8 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

Country

United Kingdom

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