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Planning

Prior Information Notice (PIN) - Mid and South Essex Pathology Services

MSE Group

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

www.mse.nhs.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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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

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Reference number

CA12183 - PMSB1300

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71500000 - Construction-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust (MSEFT) are looking to contract with a commercial supplier for its Pathology Services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £36,000,000

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
- 33100000 - Medical equipments

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

Main site or place of performance

Essex

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust currently has differing models of pathology service provision across its hospitals. Pathology First, a commercial joint venture between the Trust and a commercial partner, was established in 2014. This provides pathology services from Basildon and Southend Acute hospitals, a central Hub Laboratory in Basildon, as well as satellite locations in the community including GP surgeries and health centres. Contractual arrangements for this Joint Venture are due to expire in October 2024. For the Mid-Essex area there is an NHS in-house service based at Broomfield Hospital which similarly provides satellite locations in the community.

Even though there has been a significant focus since the merger of the three NHS Acute trusts to better align these two services, there are commercial, contractual, governance

and operational constraints that limit the value of alignment, when compared with full-service consolidation. The new merged MSE NHSFT Board has made a commitment to establish a s

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: £36,000,000

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

Duration in months

120

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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

14 June 2023

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This PIN has been published for the purpose of market engagement only. For the avoidance of doubt, this market engagement exercise implies no commercial commitment and is not a formal tender process.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As per procurement documents

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

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