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

MSE Group

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Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03beca

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[www.mse.nhs.uk](http://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

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

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

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

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## **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

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## 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

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## 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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