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## **Specialist Transportation for Tissue Services**

NHS Blood and Transplant

F02: Contract notice

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

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Bristol

BS34 7QH

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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**

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**

Specialist Transportation for Tissue Services

Reference number

C152214

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

NHS Blood and Transplant Tissue and Eye Services are the largest multi-tissue banking organisation in the UK, managing the deceased tissue donation programme, where tissues such as eyes, bones, tendons, skin, cartilage and heart valves are retrieved from donors after death.

NHS Blood and Transplant have specialist retrieval teams based in Liverpool and Barnsley; normal practice is for the teams to travel to hospital mortuaries to facilitate deceased donor tissue donations, however NHS Blood and Transplant are changing our working methods to maximise deceased tissue donation throughout mainland Northern England, North Wales and the Midlands There may be exceptional circumstances where coverage may extend outside these regions.

NHS Blood and Transplant wish to advise that a contract opportunity to provide the specialised transportation of deceased tissue donors and associated blood samples between NHS Blood and Transplant Tissue and Eye Services Dedicated Donation Facility (DDF) - Liverpool and Hospital Mortuaries primarily in Northern England, North Wales and the Midlands is due to be published.

Interested parties must be able to facilitate a transfer or return 24 hours per day, 365 days per year – as collections and deliveries may be required outside of normal core working hours (8:30 – 17:00) – a maximum of three donors per day.

All donors must be transported in a suitable, unidentifiable vehicle with blacked-out rear windows (where appropriate). The contractor must also provide a suitable trolley and body bag which must be secured in the vehicle during transit. All vehicles must comply with all relevant legislation and be maintained and presented to the highest practical standards at all times.

The transport of donors to the DDF must be facilitated within strict timelines – 48 hours following death; donation of eyes within 24 hours following death. Therefore a rapid response to the collection of a deceased donor for transportation to the DDF, is vital to ensure that donation occurs. The maximum time period available is governed by the time the consent is gained therefore reducing the available donation window period and maximum transfer time to NHS Blood and Transplant - Liverpool. Any untoward delay in transportation could result in the loss of organ donation and tissues. This could impact on NHS Blood and Transplant's ability to fulfil its core purpose of helping to save and improve patient lives.

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

Value excluding VAT: £145,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 85110000 - Hospital and related services
- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85146200 - Services provided by transplant organ banks
- 34114000 - Specialist vehicles
- 34114121 - Ambulances
- 34114122 - Patient-transport vehicles
- 34144000 - Special-purpose motor vehicles
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 60100000 - Road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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### **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: £145,000

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

Start date

3 June 2024

End date

2 June 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 X 12 month extension option

### **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 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: Yes

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

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

Date

25 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 3 June 2024

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

Date

3 May 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

The High Court

The Strand

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Country



United Kingdom

Internet address

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