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Contract

NHS Scotland Bowel Screening FIT Kits, Distribution and Analysers

NHS Tayside

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b34d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Tayside

Ninewells Hospital

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

<http://www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00154

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

NHS Scotland Bowel Screening FIT Kits, Distribution and Analysers

Reference number

NP1006/20

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Tenders were invited from suitably qualified Contractors who wished to participate in a competition for the appointment of a single vendor agreement as part of the delivery of the Scottish Bowel Screening Programme. The agreement is for 5 years for the supply and distribution of a Quantitative Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kit per individual invitation, to be analysed on an appropriate Automated Test Platform. This was referred to in the documents as the Complete FIT Solution.

All bowel screening participant were therefore to provide a FIT solution that also took into consideration both mailing of the test out to the participant and returning by mail back in to the Laboratory. The FIT will be issued by post (via a third party outsource mail fulfillment supplier) and returned by post to the Laboratory for testing. Each FIT will be required to be easily packaged to Royal Mail standards.

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: £3,917,304

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Bowel Screening Laboratory

Blood Sciences

Level 7

Ninewells Hospital

Dundee DD1 9SY

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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All bowel screening participant communication is carried out by letter. The requirements were therefore to provide a FIT solution that also takes into consideration both mailing of the test out to the participant and returning by mail back in to the Laboratory. The FIT will be issued by post (via a third party outsource mail fulfilment supplier) and returned by post to the Laboratory for testing. Each FIT will be required to be easily packaged to Royal Mail standards and needs to contain the following information:

- Information personal to the addressee consisting of – the NHS Community Health Index (CHI) Number (10 digits), Forename, Surname, unique FIT identifier number and barcode,

the word Date (of sampling) and space for this to be written on the FIT by the participant. All of these details should be clearly readable when the returned test is booked into the Laboratory.

- Information on how to do the test will also be required within the letter/packaging.
- A return prepaid packaging solution is required to be enclosed or be part of the packaging and this must meet Royal Mail standards.
- This information can either be enclosed in an accompanying letter or displayed within the mail packaging solution.

The Centre will manage the distribution of all correspondence via a third party mail fulfilment company. It was vital that the information within the kit number /barcode is translatable via an interface into the Scottish Bowel Screening IT system (BoSS).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NP1006/20

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Alpha Laboratories Ltd

40 Parham Drive

Eastleigh

SO50 4NU

Telephone

+44 2380483000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Internet address

www.alphalabs.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,917,304

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated values referred to in Section II.1.7 and V.2.4 covers the sixty (60) months contract duration.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court House

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Email

dundee@scotcourts.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 1382229961

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.