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Contract

ID 5063576 - DoJ - PBNI - Drug Testing Services

Probation Board for Northern Ireland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04a7fd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Probation Board for Northern Ireland

c/o Construction and Procurement Delivery, 303 Airport Road West

BELFAST

BT3 9ED

Email

justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.pbni.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 5063576 - DoJ - PBNi - Drug Testing Services

Reference number

ID 5063576

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNi) is a non-departmental public body established by the Probation Board (Northern Ireland) Order 1982. The core business of PBNi is: 1. The risk assessment of offenders to assist judges in determining appropriate sentences and Parole Commissioners in making decisions about release from custody; and 2. The supervision of offenders on a range of court orders and licenses. PBNi require a Supplier to provide a substance testing programme, including the collection, screening and analysis of samples. There are two elements of this contract: PBNi require a regional service across Northern Ireland to provide a range of tests (breathalyser, urine, blood testing and hair follicle testing) to test individuals subject to orders/licences for a range of drugs/alcohol. The testing will take place in PBNi offices throughout Northern Ireland. PBNi manages the Substance Misuse Court and requires individuals engaging in the process to be regularly and randomly drug and alcohol tested. Testing is required on a weekly basis and will take place in PBNi's office at Laganside Court. Please refer to Schedule 2 (Specification) for full detail of requirements.

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: £240,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 85110000 - Hospital and related services
- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 71632000 - Technical testing services
- 90743100 - Toxic substances monitoring services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

The testing will take place in PBNi offices and approved premises throughout Northern Ireland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Implementation and Resource Planning / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Service Delivery / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Personnel Experience / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Contract Management / Weighting: 7.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: AC6 Collection Agent – Regular Working Hours / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: AC7 Collection Agent – Out of Hours Bank/Public Holidays, outside 9:00am - 5:00pm / Weighting: 2.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC8 Hair Testing Sample analysis / Weighting: 2.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC9 Urine Testing Sample analysis / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: AC10 Oral Fluid Testing Sample analysis / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: AC11 Breath Testing Sample analysis / Weighting: 10

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial period will be for three years with one optional one year extension period.

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-032769](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

DoJ - PBNI - Drug Testing Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Information withheld for security reasons

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Email

justice.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £240,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £240,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that information relating to contractors engaged by the Northern Ireland Department of Justice, and associated bodies, is not published in any publicly accessible forum or publication. This is to protect such contractors, whose security and safety could be threatened by dissident terrorist organisations still active in Northern Ireland if their details became known. This is consistent with Regulation 50(6)(a).. . The contract value listed is a broad estimate only and includes additional quantum for unforeseen demand and to future proof for additional potential. There is no guarantee of any level of business under this contract. The estimate is not deemed to be a condition of contract nor a guarantee of minimum demand or uptake. No compensation will be payable to a contractor should the actual demand be less than that stated.. . Contract Monitoring: The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per specification and regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction and Procurement Delivery for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance and this contract may be terminated. The issue of a notice of written warning and notice of unsatisfactory performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of up to 3 years from the date of issue of the notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD ran this competition in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. With only one bid received, there were no unsuccessful economic operators, and therefore no requirement to apply a standstill period.