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Tender

Managed Equipment Service for Sexual Health Testing

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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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

Managed Equipment Service for Sexual Health Testing

Reference number

C285315

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85323000 - Community health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Chelsea & Westminster NHS FT (CWFT) is seeking a managed service partner in the implementation of near-patient Chlamydia Trachomatis and Neisseria Gonorrhoeae (CT/NG) PCR testing and/or upgrading of existing CT/NG systems at their sexual health screening locations in Central/North-West London, to process approximately 260,000 CT/NG PCR tests per annum. The objective will be to have one supplier that can provide the most cost-effective solutions for each of CWFT's four sexual health clinics, whilst being able to process the volumes required, and complying with the pre-requisites as defined in this document. To ensure one complete service solution, Suppliers might have to make use of third-party suppliers for tests, hardware and/or software that cannot be provided in-house. However, support for all hardware, software and materials will rest with the Supplier and CW will not enter any contracts with any third-party supplier.

By consolidating the CW sexual health CT/NG testing services across the four sites with a single supplier, CW is seeking to provide a more cost-effective and joined up testing service, while maintaining and exceeding the current levels of service and quality, in order to provide a first-class service to their clients.

The target Turnaround Time (TAT) is for tests to be predictable, measured as 80% within target time, turnaround time. It can be assumed that this time excludes receipt and registration but must include all sample tracking, preparation, batching, equipment run-time, validation and result transmission via the agreed interface to the clinic management system. The TAT target should allow for any breakdowns as well as planned and unplanned service costs. There must be sufficient redundancy in the system to accommodate this.

Suppliers must specify the workforce that will be required to safely operate the proposed system. This will factor into the financial evaluation and, will also be a consideration when setting the KPIs. Staff activities that should be allowed for must include all throughput and non-throughput related activities directly related to testing, including sample processing, materials management, equipment operation and maintenance, quality control activities and waste management. For costing purposes, supplier should specify FTEs to staff any proposed testing site, as per the operating hours outlined in the tender documentation.

The requirement is for testing to be available at any of the four main sites across Central London with transport of samples from community clinics to one of the four main clinic sites.

Suppliers should clearly state the total installed capacity that is available and the percentage of this capacity that will be available in case of critical failures of at least one instrument.

The Trust has a strong preference for work to be performed within the confines of the clinic and no space has been allocated for laboratory testing operations outside of the current clinic footprint. The available space per site is set in the tender documentation and should there be a need to expand beyond this space, or any further enabling works, this will be accounted for in the financial evaluation.

The four sites in scope are:

- 10 Hammersmith Broadway Clinic
- John Hunter Clinic for Sexual Health
- 34 Dean Street
- Sexual Health Hounslow

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

Main site or place of performance

56 Dean Street, 10 Hammersmith Broadway, Sexual Health Hounslow (Twickenham House) and John Hunter Clinic

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Akin to Restricted procedure under the Light touch Regime

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

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

Start date

1 January 2025

End date

27 May 2034

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Chelsea & Westminster is seeking a comprehensive long-term solution for CT/NG PCR testing services over a period of ten (10) years with the option for equipment refresh after five (5) years. Optional extension for an additional five (5) years may be discussed.

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

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

14 June 2024

Local time

2:30pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS England

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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