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Tender

Courier Services for Blood, Blood Products and Tissues

NHS Blood and Transplant

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03717e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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

Courier Services for Blood, Blood Products and Tissues

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64120000 - Courier services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract to provide courier services 24/7 365 days per year for blood, tissues, organs, ocular, cord blood and other items.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £38,690,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is a Special Health Authority in England, with responsibilities across the United Kingdom for organ donation and transplantation. Our core purpose is to 'save and improve lives' through the provision of a safe and reliable supply of blood components, solid organs, stem cells, tissues and related services to the NHS, and to the other UK Health Services where directed.

In performing this essential activity, NHSBT engages with millions of people throughout

the country and connects directly with more people daily than any other single part of the NHS. In addition to supplying the lifesaving products that are needed by NHS patients we are proud that our activities support the incredible altruism and generosity of our donors and bring communities together across the country. In these respects, NHSBT is unique. We operate supply chains that are similar in nature to those found in the private sector but with characteristics which can only be found in other Blood services in other countries across the world. As a result, comparing and benchmarking our effectiveness with other national services is a fundamental part of our strategic process. Our ambition is simple - to be demonstrably the best service of our type in the world.

NHSBT is a complex organisation with several distinct strategic operating units that include:

- Blood Components - To deliver a modern, world-class blood service that provides a sustainable and dependable supply of blood components that meet all safety, quality, compliance and service standards as effectively as possible.
- Plasma for medicine - (PFM) is an exciting new type of donation which helps save the lives of around 17,000 people in England a year.
- Organ Donation and Transplantation - To increase organ donation and transplantation rates across the UK and match world-class performance within the field.
- Tissues - To develop an 'NHS Tissues' organisation, for the overall benefit of the NHS, that can meet the present and future needs of NHS patients.
- Diagnostic Services - To ensure the clinically effective use of blood, organs and stem cells through the provision of high-quality diagnostic services.
- Stem Cells - To work with partners across the UK in the provision of an efficient and effective source stem cells for the treatment of UK patients and development of innovative cell therapies for NHS patients.
- Specialist Therapeutic Services - To become the NHS preferred provider of high quality, cost effective therapeutic apheresis services.

The supply chain within NHSBT is described as from 'vein to vein'. Blood components are collected from donors (approx. 1.5 million whole blood donors and 10,000 platelet donors) through approximately 25 static national collection centres (Clinics) (primarily for platelets) and approx. 60 mobile donor teams. They collect each day across the country which results in 25-30,000 sessions per annum where the donations need to be collected and returned NHSBT main sites for processing, The blood components flow through manufacturing, stock holding units (SHUs) and to hospital blood banks, who are NHSBT's end customers.

NHSBT is seeking to deliver significant efficiencies in the transportation of donated blood, blood products and associated services throughout the supply chain. The requirements are for a 3rd party carrier provision that will support this objective.

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: £38,690,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1x 24 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

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: [2022/S 000-027368](#)

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

Date

23 June 2023

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

Duration in months: 5 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The High Court

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