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Tender

Sample Archive Storage

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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

Sample Archive Storage

Reference number

NSS222355

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Manufacturing department and H&I Lab of SNBTS requires to store an archive of all samples tested for future reference. This allows SNBTS the ability to retrieve and re-test archive samples as required. This is a regulatory requirement and an SNBTS policy requirement to archive samples.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 63121000 - Storage and retrieval services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In SNBTS a sample archive has been maintained since October 1984. SNBTS require a contract to cover the supply of External Frozen Storage for Archive Samples.

SNBTS retain archive samples (serum sample) from all blood donations in an individual bar-coded PPT vacutainer (13 x 100mm). This retention of this bar-coded tube as the archive sample is advantageous in assuring sample integrity, allowing accurate identification and retrieval when required and storing both plasma and cellular material for future investigations. The current archive is approx. 22 years with the intention to move to a 10-year archive depending on regulatory impact. Currently SNBTS have approximately 170 pallets. The number is subject to change and SNBTS offers no guarantee of volumes.

SNBTS may also require additional temporary storage for plasma. Collaboratively across the UK blood authorities are collecting plasma for fractionation. This may require temporary storage before transportation to the fractionator. This is primarily for temporary contingency space. The volume of this storage is currently being scoped therefore it would be advantageous for the supplier to have additional available capacity if required. Initial estimates are around 20 pallets.

There is a requirement to store the materials at -20C or below in a secure freezer with an appropriate temperature monitoring system. An external facility/Service Provider is sought to carry out this function. Pallets will be transported to the contracted external facility by SNBTS.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority shall be entitled, at its option, to continue this Agreement beyond the Initial Term for three (3) twelve (12) Contract Month periods subject to giving not less than nine (9) Contract Months' notice to the Contractor.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

As per Section 4B of the ESPD Bidders Must provide information on Economic and Financial Standing in the section of the ESPD relating to this.

4B (1.71.2) – Last 3 years' turnover.

Insurance Requirements:

4B (1.72.12)

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability: Five Million Pounds Sterling (GBP 5,000,000)

Public Liability: Five Million Pounds Sterling (GBP 5,000,000)

Product Liability: Five Million Pounds Sterling (GBP 5,000,000)

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

14 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 July 2023

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 23932. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Session

Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

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United Kingdom