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## **Logistics and Warehouse Support for Covid-19 Vaccination Programme**

The NHS Commissioning Board operating as NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The NHS Commissioning Board operating as NHS England

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

**National registration number**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Logistics and Warehouse Support for Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Reference number

45217

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

On behalf of the NHS England and Improvement (the "Authority"), NHS Arden and GEM Commissioning Support Unit (AGCSU) would like to invite suitably qualified, licensed and experienced service providers to bid for warehousing and logistics services for vaccines, expected to include Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT), materials and other associated materials.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £7,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33651600 - Vaccines
- 63122000 - Warehousing services
- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

As part of the NHS Response to the Covid-19 pandemic a Vaccine delivery unit was established to design and implement a solution for the deployment of vaccines. As part of that solution a warehousing and logistics service was established to handle and deliver Covid -19 vaccines to designated sites, which has contributed to the success of the vaccine programme. The Authority is now looking to the future and the requirement for warehouse and logistics services to continue this good work. Therefore, AGCSU on behalf of the Authority would like to invite suitably qualified, licensed and experienced service providers to submit their bids for providing warehousing and logistics services appropriate for vaccines and other associated materials (the “Services”, as more fully set out in the Schedule 2 of the Terms and Conditions set out at Document C).

The Procurement is seeking to award two contracts for a period of 12 months with the option to extend by two separate periods of up to 6-months each. Successful bidder(s) will be responsible for providing the Services across England whereby there will be a split of volume and activity on an East & West Split (with an extra split of the London region of 50/50).

The Authority is seeking to appoint 2 Providers of the Services. Whilst each Provider will be required to provide the Services on a national basis if required by the Authority, it is the Authority's intention that the Providers will provide Services on a regional split basis, with one Provider providing Services and delivering vaccines to the east of England with the other Provider providing Services and delivering vaccines to the west of England.

It should be noted that any service may be subject to variation during its term, which will be dictated by the emerging science and policy changes. Such variation may include but not be limited to:

- Approval of new vaccines that may require handling based on the individual vaccine handling characteristic or requirements for joint-vaccination with other vaccines
- Changes to the profile of eligible cohorts to receive the vaccine, which may increase/decrease the volume of vaccines to be handled and distributed and the designated sites to which deliveries will be required
- Increases in the type and number of and type of vaccine consumables

- Requirement for IT integration to the Successful Bidders systems to enable automation of vaccine orders by designated sites 'Pull delivery model' and include automated operation and performance reporting

The actual volumes of vaccine and type is not yet fully known and therefore any volumes or costs estimates are subject to change prior to contract award. For the purpose of pricing the estimated value for the initial period of each contract is approximately £6.8M (excluding VAT) and is based on best estimated of volumes contain in the scenario in the ITT for the initial 12-month contract period.

NHS England and NHS Improvement will be the contracting and commissioning authority for the contract resultant from this procurement and the contract will be held between them and the successful bidder(s).

The successful provider is expected to be commence mobilisation from October 2021 with a view of becoming fully operational and providing services from 03 January 2022.

Bidders are to be aware of a Planned Engagement session on/or around 28th July 2021, details will be made available via a broadcast from the EU- tender portal.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

As a result of this procurement, an agreement will be established with a successful bidder(s) for a period of 12 months with the authority having an option to extend the contract for two separate periods of up 6 months each. 12 months + 6 + 6 = 24 months.

#### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

In order to submit their bids, the potential bidders must register with and use NHS AG CSU's e-procurement portal, which can be accessed by visiting following web link: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=agcsu> and search for reference number 45217

All information relating to this procurement will be available at the above described e-procurement web portal.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

All professional and/or trade registrations are specified within the tender documentation.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Financial standing requirements for the Procurement are outlined within Document A - ITT Process Overview, Section 27.4 Financial Standing

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **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

20 August 2021

Local time

6:00pm

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 1 March 2022

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 August 2021

Local time

6:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Strand

London

WCA 2LL

Country

United Kingdom