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Contract

## **Sample Archive Storage**

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

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883)

**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**

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.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £420,000

## **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.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is the option for 3 x 12 month extensions

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-016661](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

NSS222355

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

28 April 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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**

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Country

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £420,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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

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

Court of Session

Parliament House, Parliament Square

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United Kingdom