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Award

Covid Testing Facility

Swansea Bay University Health Board

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02d3ca

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Swansea Bay University Health Board

Block A Neath Port Talbot Hospital

Port Talbot

SA12 7BX

Email

jack.croad@wales.nhs.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

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

Covid Testing Facility

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 70220000 - Non-residential property renting or leasing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To extend and relocate Covid Testing Facilities in Swansea until the 31st March 2022, with contingency to further extend the service until 31st July 2022, as necessary. The service is to be funded from WAG monies for Covid related expenditure.

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: £450,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 70220000 - Non-residential property renting or leasing services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL18 - Swansea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Following the commissioning of the service in April 2020, City & County of Swansea organised temporary marquees, lighting and heating at the Liberty Stadium and Margam testing sites, on behalf of the Health Board, who continue to work in partnership with the local authorities on the Test, Track & Trace Programme (TTP). The requirement for the testing facilities were subsequently extended beyond the anticipated initial 3–6-month period, until the 31st March 2021. This was due the “second wave”, lockdown and prevailing levels of Covid in the Swansea area. The service was subsequently extended again until the 31st July 2021.

The service continues and a further extension is now required, together with the need for additional facilities to support the security & health and safety of the staff and public, during the evening and wet weather conditions in the coming months. However, the Health Board can no longer use the facilities at the Liberty Stadium and it is proposed that the service is relocated to alternative suitable premises at the Park & Ride, Fabian Way, or the alternative Margam Test site.

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This service was commissioned at the behest of Welsh Government at the beginning of the Pandemic, as part of the TTP strategy. A contract was awarded to the City & County of Swansea, in partnership with Neath & Port Talbot Local Authority, for provision of facilities and use of the Liberty Stadium and Margam sites. This was a direct award made in accordance with Reg 32(2)(c) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and approved by the Health Board. Subsequent extensions were subject to the respective internal governance (STA/RA) process and also approved.

With Covid cases steadily rising, the service continues and additional facilities are now needed to support the security and health & safety of the staff and public, during the wet weather conditions of the coming months. Extreme urgency is required as failure to extend and relocate the service will mean no testing services for the Health Board patients. This is an essential requirement from Welsh Assembly Government to provide Health Board PCT testing.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 August 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

City & County Of Swansea Council

City & County Of Swansea Council, Civic Centre

SWANSEA

SA13SN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL18 - Swansea

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £450,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=113151.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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