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Contract

HLA TISSUE TYPING FOR BONE MARROW VOLUNTEER DONORS PERFORMED BY 3RD PARTY SUPPLIER

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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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

HLA TISSUE TYPING FOR BONE MARROW VOLUNTEER DONORS PERFORMED BY 3RD PARTY SUPPLIER

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The unrelated bone marrow volunteer donors are recruited at blood session and added to the donor panel, the HLA tissue typing is outsourced to a 3rd party supplier. The Tissue typing is critical to the matching of a donor with a patient and hence the provision of a life-saving stem cell transplant. The service provided is HLA tissue typing for all relevant genetic markers to facilitate a stem cell transplant. The supplier provides CCR5 testing (mutation called delta 32 that is protective against the common HIV virus strains)

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: £140,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Welsh Blood Service

Talbot Green

Pontyclun

CF72 9WB

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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:

As an international stem cell registry the WBMDR has been working hard to maintain the provision of stem cell products to facilitate transplants locally and globally during this COVID-19 pandemic. We have experienced many challenges such as reducing donor exposure, international flight quarantine, grounding of commercial flights, using freight and cargo flight to transport stem cells (HTA full knowledge), transportation of cryopreserved stem cells to name but a few. Unfortunately, reacting to these changes and implementing safe and viable alternative processes has taken up a great deal of time and the fact that we are working with European registries on this tender process, who have themselves experienced the same COVID related issues, has meant that progress has been limited. This is therefore an interim arrangement whilst a re-tendering process is undertaken.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 March 2021

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

Histogenetics

300 Executive Blvd

Ossining/NY

10562

Telephone

+001 9147620300

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £140,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:142665)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Telephone

+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership on behalf of Velindre NHS Trust will allow a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract.

Unsuccessful tenderers and applicants are entitled to receive reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the tenderer/applicant was unsuccessful.

Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in section I.1.

Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any such action is subject to strict time limits in accordance with the Public Contracts (Amendments) Regulations 2015.

