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Planning

CLI-OJEU-50937 Ultra-High Resolution Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) Typing for the Welsh Bone Marrow Donor Registry

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

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.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

CLI-OJEU-50937 Ultra-High Resolution Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) Typing for the Welsh Bone Marrow Donor Registry

Reference number

CLI-OJEU-50937

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NWSSP Procurement Services, hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust, and the Welsh Bone Marrow Donor Registry (WBMDR), part of Welsh Blood Service, are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified contractor to perform Ultra-High Resolution HLA Typing.

For whole blood samples Ultra-High Resolution (USR) HLA-A, B, C, DRB1, DQA1, DQB1, DPA1, DPB1, and DRB3/4/5 HLA Typing is required. The provision of CCR5 testing from whole blood samples is also desirable.

For cheek swab samples Ultra High Resolution (UHR) HLA-A, B, C, DRB1, DQA1, DQB1, DPA1, DPB1 and DRB3/4/5 HLA Typing as well as ABO/Rh and CMV Testing is required.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,120,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85148000 - Medical analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Welsh Bone Marrow Donor Registry (WBMDR) recruits volunteer donors via blood sample and cheek swab (buccal swab) to support stem cell transplantation. The WBMDR has different typing and testing requirements depending on sample type:

For whole blood samples: We require Ultra High Resolution (UHR) HLA-A, B, C, DRB1, DQA1, DQB1, DPA1, DPB1 and DRB3/4/5 HLA typing. The provision of CCR5 testing from whole blood samples is desirable.

For cheek swab samples: We require Ultra High Resolution (UHR) HLA-A, B, C, DRB1, DQA1, DQB1, DPA1, DPB1 and DRB3/4/5 HLA typing as well as ABO/Rh and CMV testing.

The contractor must be able to deliver the HLA types and relevant testing results (see above) of at least 4,000 stem cell donors. The HLA typing must be performed using modern methodology such next generation sequencing and must comply with an accredited Standard, for example, EFI or ASHI (or an acceptable equivalent). The results of typing at HLA-A, B, C, DRB1, DQA1, DQB1, DPA1, DPB1 and DRB3/4/5 and associated ABO/RH, CMV and CCR5 testing will be added to the WBMDR panel of donors as part of the recommendations of the UK Stem Cell Strategic Forum to increase the number of UK patients finding an acceptable match within a clinically appropriate time-period. This provision also supports transplantation for global patients.

NWSSP-Procurement Services and WBMDR are looking to enter into pre-tender engagement with interested suppliers to explore options prior to commencing the tender process.

All interested parties are invited to express their interest in writing by email to Joanne Liddle at Joanne.liddle@wales.nhs.uk with subject to read Expression of Interest. Please include company name, contact name, job title, telephone number and email address and a brief overview of your company's activity in relation to this requirement. The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is Friday 19th August 2022.

All interested parties will be invited to pre-tender engagement either via MS Teams or in person. It is envisaged that this will be held beginning of September 2022.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please ensure you submit your expressions of interest by email to Joanne Liddle at Joanne.liddle@wales.nhs.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 November 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=123507.

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