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Tender

NHS Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) Cell Therapy eSolution

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

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

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Telephone

+44 7804475952

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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

NHS Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) Cell Therapy eSolution

Reference number

NP609823

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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System 1 will include onboarding of research documentation, development, and initial stages of technology transfer (Phase 1 and Phase 2).

System 2 will include the final stages of technology transfer into GMP validation, batch manufacture and have report producing capabilities to allow for quality approval then release/certification for patient use (Phase 3, 4 and 5).

The solutions must be provided using a Software as a Service (SaaS) model.

Further information can be found within the Invitation to Tender (ITT) and appendices located on PCS-Tender.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

System 1

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

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

The contract will include the option(s) to extend for a further two periods of 12 months each

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

System 2

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

SPD Q.4B.1.1: Bidders are required to provide statement of accounts or extracts relating to their business for the previous 3 years. Where any risks identified by NSS as part of the due diligence carried out on the above information NSS may require Bidders to provide

additional information to demonstrate financial standing. Additional information can include but not be limited to:

- parent company accounts (if applicable)
- deeds of guarantee
- bankers statements and references
- accountants' references
- management accounts
- financial projections, including cash flow forecasts
- details and evidence of previous contracts, including contract values
- capital availability.

Bidders who cannot provide suitable evidence of a secure financial standing may be excluded from the procurement.

Q.4B.5.1 and Q.4B.5.2: It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commence of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employers liability insurance: 5 000 000 GBP;

Public liability insurance: 1 000 000 GBP;

Professional indemnity insurance: 1 000 000 GBP

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.1.2 Please provide details of three relevant examples of services carried out during the last three years.

4.C.2 Bidders are required to confirm compliance with standards, such as ISO or equivalent, set by technical bodies, especially those responsible for quality control. Please provide examples such as the following:

- Cyber Essentials

- ISO 9001 - Quality Management Systems
- ISO 27001 - Information Security Management
- ISO 27017 - Code of practice for information security controls
- ISO 27018 - Code of practice for protection of personally identifiable information (PII) in public clouds acting as PII processors
- UK Government 14 Cloud Security Principles

Please state the relevance of any such educational and professional qualifications.

4C.6: Bidders will be required to confirm that they and/or the service provider have relevant educational and professional qualifications such as the following: ISO27001 or equivalent ITIL qualifications [Helpdesk, etc] or equivalent other professional qualifications relevant to the Services outlined in the Contract Notice.

And:

4C.6.1: Bidders will be required to confirm that they and/or the service provider's managerial staff have relevant educational and professional qualifications such as the following: ISO27001 or equivalent ITIL qualifications [Helpdesk, etc] or equivalent other professional qualifications relevant to the Services outlined in the Contract Notice.

4C.7: Bidders will be required to confirm that they will employ environmental management measures that meet the following requirements:

Compliance with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE).

4C.10: Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

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

29 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

29 August 2023

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Cyber Security:

Bidders must complete the CSPST as detailed within the ITT. It is vital that Bidders leave sufficient time to complete the CSPST ahead of the submission deadline.

Fair Work Practices:

The Public Sector in Scotland is committed to the delivery of high quality public services and recognises that this is critically dependent on a workforce that is well-rewarded, well-motivated, well-led, has access to appropriate opportunities for training and skills development, diverse and engaged in decision making. These factors are also important for workforce recruitment and retention, and thus continuity of service. Public Bodies in Scotland are adopting fair work practices, which include:

- a fair and equal pay policy that includes a commitment to supporting the living wage, including, for example being a living wage accredited employer;
- clear managerial responsibility to nurture talent and help individuals fulfil their potential, including for example, a strong commitment to modern apprenticeships and the development of Scotland's young workforce;
- promoting equality of opportunity and developing a workforce which reflects the population of Scotland in terms of characteristics such as age, gender, religion or belief, race, sexual orientation and disability;
- support for learning and development;

- stability of employment and hours of work, and avoiding exploitative employment practices, including for example no inappropriate use of zero-hours contracts;
- flexible working (including for example practices such as flexi-time and career breaks) and support for family friendly working and wider work life balance;
- support progressive workforce engagement, for example Trade Union recognition and representation where possible, otherwise alternative arrangements to give staff an effective voice.

In order to ensure the highest standards of service quality in this Agreement we expect contractors to take a similarly positive approach to fair work practices as part of a fair and equitable employment and reward package. Bidders must describe how they will commit to fair work practices for workers (including any agency or subcontractor workers) engaged in the delivery of the Agreement.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24335. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

It is a mandatory requirement that Bidders agree to support the concept, provision and ongoing development of community benefits provision in relation to this Agreement. Bidders are required to agree to this mandatory requirement. They are also requested to provide a brief summary of the community benefits that have recently been delivered within Scotland, and also what impact and outcomes these have achieved. Bidders are required to summarise any community/social benefits that will be delivered as part of this Agreement if successful, or, alternatively, Bidders confirm that they will engage with the NHS Scotland Community Benefits Gateway (CBG). This gateway, developed through requests from suppliers seeking opportunities to support the delivery of community benefits within the contracting region, provides information community benefit opportunities. The CBG is a free and easy to use online service that connects NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector community organisations within Scotland and will be used for tracking and reporting, and is an approved, compliant route to the realisation of community benefits. For further information please visit: <https://www.nss.nhs.scot/procurement-and-logistics/sustainability/access-our-community-benefit-gateway/>.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance.
However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.