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## **Mid South Essex NHS Foundation Trust - Outsourced Pathology**

MSE Group

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKH3 - Essex

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.mse.nhs.uk](http://www.mse.nhs.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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**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**

Mid South Essex NHS Foundation Trust - Outsourced Pathology

Reference number

CA12183 - PMSB1300

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85111800 - Pathology services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust ("MSE") plans to set up a strategic partnership for an outsourced pathology service. This will likely involve multiple contracts that help maintain our analytical services and lab facilities.

This contract aims to merge our in-house and outsourced services into a single, efficient system across the Trust. The goal is to improve our pathology service's overall delivery and operations, supporting the best possible patient care.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £935,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH3 - Essex

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The required pathology disciplines encapsulates blood sciences, microbiology and infectious sciences, and cellular pathology. This robust service offering is expected to deliver approximately 21 million tests per annum. Advanced testing capabilities may also be needed, including Next Generation Sequencing (NGS), molecular diagnostics, and specialist haematology. Other pathology services may be required throughout the duration of the contract. Whilst the operational delivery of the Contract will be delivered by the Supplier, the Clinical responsibility will remain with MSE.

Essential support services will also form a significant component of this partnership. We anticipate these to comprise of sample transportation, a dedicated customer service centre, assistance in the management or deployment of a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) solution, phlebotomy, and effective management of Point of Care Testing (POCT) devices.

The Services are expected to be delivered at both Trust and Supplier locations.

MSE plans to use the competitive dialogue procedure to refine our needs iteratively throughout the procurement process.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

180

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Maximum number: 3

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

All criteria for shortlisting suppliers is set out within the procurement documentation.

**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

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**Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive dialogue

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-010798](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

22 August 2023

Local time

3:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

6 September 2023

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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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 invoicing will be accepted

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

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

Mid and South Essex Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Britannia House, Unit 11-13, Britannia Business Park, Comet Way

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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