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Tender

Mid South Essex NHS Foundation Trust - Outsourced Pathology

MSE Group

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03beca

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

<https://healthtrusteurope.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

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

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

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

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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)

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

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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