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Planning

Next Generation Sequencing Testing (NGS)

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Scope

Reference

C362396

Description

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) are seeking a provider for Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) QC testing requirements for the Cellular and Molecular Therapies (CMT) directorate, namely the Clinical Biotechnology Centre (CBC). CBC handle a number of products in the production of Advanced Therapeutic Investigational Medicinal Products (ATMPs) and starter material master cell banks (MCBs). These require NGS QC testing services that meet specific regulatory requirements.

Total value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT

- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2027
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

Contract locations

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 June 2025

Engagement process description

Interested suppliers are asked to express their interest to rowena.thomas@nhsbt.nhs.uk and carley.butcher@nhsbt.nhs.uk by 5pm on Friday, 13th June 2025. Suppliers expressing an interest will be invited to attend an early market engagement exercise supplier meeting during the week of the 16th June 2025 (note: date subject to change). Prior to this session, interested suppliers will be provided with a draft specification of requirements and short questionnaire related to requirements. There is no guarantee that a formal procurement process will be launched as a result of this early market engagement exercise, nor that any contract(s) will be placed. No remuneration or compensation etc will be paid to organisations who take part in this early market engagement exercise. Suppliers should take part in this process only on the basis that they fully understand and accept this position.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

17 July 2025

Contracting authority

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government