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Award

The supply of Blood Glucose & Ketone Monitoring Systems for Point of Care Testing

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ec9f

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ruh.nhs.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

The supply of Blood Glucose & Ketone Monitoring Systems for Point of Care Testing

Reference number

WPR-5514

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

A contract for the supply of Blood Glucose & Ketone Monitoring Systems for Point of Care Testing

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £241,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38434520 - Blood analysers
- 33124131 - Reagent strips

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHSFT

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A contract for the supply of Blood Glucose & Ketone Monitoring Systems for Point of Care Testing

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHSFT (RUH) intends to award a contract under Regulation 32(2)(b)(ii), to Abbott Laboratories Limited, in respect of Blood Glucose Monitoring Systems for Point of Care Testing, for a period of twenty one months. This is to maintain continuation of service delivery and aligns the contract end date for this requirement to the same as North Bristol NHS Trust and University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust, while a collaborative requirement is re-tendered as a South 3 collaborative contract, to ensure greater efficiency when procuring services. Abbott Laboratories Limited is the incumbent supplier and the new contract will ensure that the current service is maintained until the re-tender is complete, without risk to patient care or the accumulation of cost and resource pressures. To award another supplier a temporary arrangement of this nature may result in the following:

Trust Turnaround Times and Patient Care: Variations in turnaround while new systems are set up and training of clinical staff is undertaken. Currently procedures are established and consistent. Risking this could lead to increased Turnaround and delays to diagnosis, and in turn treatment, of patients within the Trust.

IT and Report Transcription: The reporting and interpretation of results is an established process, and staff are familiar with the current processes.

IT and Documentation: Changing provider will result in additional IT resource and system/document updates that will add to the department's ongoing quality work.

RUH has reviewed the factors described and considers that for the technical reasons listed, awarding Abbott Laboratories Limited is the only reasonable solution as it mitigates the risk of a detrimental effect on the service and the accumulation of preventable cost and resource pressures until the re-tender of the collaborative contract across the Trusts.

RUH will observe a 10 day standstill from the date of this notice before entering into a contract with Abbott Laboratories Limited.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Abbott Laboratories Limited

Abbott House, Vanwall Road Vanwall Business Park Maidenhead

Maidenhead

SL6 4XE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

National registration number

00329102

Internet address

<http://www.abbott.co.uk>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £241,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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