

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/023777-2021>

Contract

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen

UK Biobank Ltd
UK Biocentre Ltd

F03: Contract award notice
Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-023777
Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029ee5
Published 24 September 2021, 10:35am

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Biobank Ltd
1-2 Spectrum Way, Adswood
Stockport
SK3 0SA

Email

tenders@ukbiobank.ac.uk

Telephone

+44 1614755386

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA25607

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Biocentre Ltd

Unit 2-3 Bradbourne Drive, Java Park, , Tilbrook

Milton Keynes

MK7 8AT

Email

tenders@ukbiocentre.com

Telephone

+44 1614755386

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ukbiocentre.com

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA38249

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

UK Biocentre Limited

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

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen

Reference number

UKBB012

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

UK Biobank (UKBB) and UK Biocentre (UKBC) require the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN). UKBB is tendering on behalf of itself and UKBC.

UK Biobank (UKBB) is a major national health resource, and a registered charity in its own right, with the aim of improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of serious and life-threatening illnesses – including cancer, heart diseases, stroke, diabetes, arthritis, osteoporosis, eye disorders, depression and forms of dementia.

UK Biocentre (UKBC) was incorporated as a limited company on 4 May 2011 as a separate legal entity to its owner, UK Biobank, in order to utilise the skills and knowledge gained by UK Biobank in sample storage, processing, analysis and management. The primary service offered by UKBC to its customers is the collection, storage and assay of biological samples gathered from human volunteers.

This Contract Notice relates to the award of two contracts:

Lot 1 – Contract for the Supply of LN to UKBB's site in Cheadle, Stockport, UK from 28 June 2021;

Lot 2 – Contract for the Supply of LN to UKBC's sites located in Milton Keynes and Oxford, UK from 28 June 2021.

Tenders can be submitted for one or both of the Lots.

This specification (provided as part of the procurement documents) sets out the requirements for the supply of LN.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £580,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen to UK Biobank

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Main site or place of performance

Stockport

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UK Biobank (UKBB) requires the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN) of a minimum purity grade of 99% to its site in Cheadle, Stockport, UK from 28 June 2021.

UKBB have 2 x 50,000 litre tanks. UKBB will be responsible for the provision of the tanks and the pipework. All telemetry equipment required must be supplied and maintained by the supplier as part of this contract. The supplier is also required to service the UKBB tanks.

Indicative LN volumes required by UKBB are 290 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 5,000 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume). It is not anticipated that these volumes will reduce. However, UKBB does not guarantee any volume of supply.

Further details are set out in the Specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Supply & Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Assurance of Supply / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Policies / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen to UK Biocentre

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Milton Keynes and Oxford

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UK Biocentre (UKBC) requires the supply of Liquid Nitrogen (LN) of a minimum purity grade of 99% to its sites in Milton Keynes and Oxford, UK from 28 June 2021.

UKBC have 2 x 2,000 litre tanks in Milton Keynes and 2 x 20,000 litre tanks in Oxford. UKBC will be responsible for the provision of the tanks and the pipework. All telemetry equipment required must be supplied and maintained by the supplier as part of this contract. Servicing of the UKBC tanks is not included within the scope of Lot 2.

Indicative volumes of LN required by UKBC are as follows:

Milton Keynes site: 10 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 110 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume)

Oxford site: 70 metric tonnes (monthly volume) and 820 metric tonnes (maximum annual volume)

It is not anticipated that these volumes will reduce but they are expected to increase gradually by 10-15% over the next 2 years. However, UKBC does not guarantee any

volume of supply.

Further details are set out in the Specification.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Supply & Delivery / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Assurance of Supply / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Policies / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 50

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-006003](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen to UK Biobank

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Air Products Plc

Hersham Place Technology Park, Molesey Road

Hersham

KT12 4RZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £659,545.18

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Supply of Liquid Nitrogen to UK Biocentre

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Air Products Plc

Hersham Place Technology Park, Molesey Road

Hersham

KT12 4RZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £142,872.58

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

UK Biobank reserves the right to discontinue or delay the procurement process and may decide not to award a contract for Lot 1 and/or Lot 2 as a result of this call for competition. UK Biobank shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any bidder in considering and/or responding to the procurement process. Tenders and supporting documents must be priced in pounds sterling and all payments made under the contract will be in pounds sterling, unless otherwise advised.

Any volume of Liquid Nitrogen referred to within this Contract Notice and/or the procurement documents is indicative only and there is no guarantee or warranty of any Liquid Nitrogen volumes by UKBB or UKBC.

The estimated contract value per Lot for the initial period of 12 months may be in the range of 430,000 - 450,000 GBP for UK Biobank (Lot 1) and 125,000 – 150,000 GBP for UK Biocentre (Lot 2), but it is not possible to provide an overall maximum estimated value for each of the contracts. However, based on the initial 12 month period highlighted above and whilst recognising the value may vary, the overall maximum value if the contracts are extended for the full 4 year period could be in the range of 1.5 – 1.8 million GBP for UK Biobank and 0.4 – 0.5 million GBP for UK Biocentre. The figures stated in Section II.1.5 and Section II.2.6 (for each of Lot 1 and Lot 2) are the maximum figures in these ranges.

UKBB will incorporate a standstill period at the point the decision in relation to the award of the contracts is notified to bidders. The standstill period, which will be a minimum of ten (10) calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful bidders to lodge an appeal in regards to the award decisions, before the contracts are entered into.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

(MT Ref:223966)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Cabinet Office

London

Country

United Kingdom