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Tender

ID 4384469 DoJ FSNI DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits

Forensic Science Northern Ireland FSNI

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-024098

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0363db

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Forensic Science Northern Ireland FSNI

151 Belfast Road

Carrickfergus

BT38 8PL

Email

SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 4384469 DoJ FSNI DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits

Reference number

ID 4384469

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33950000 - Clinical forensics equipment and supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

8

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

There has been a division into 8 'lots' which consists of three Contractual lots. Lots 1 and 2 are Contract Lot 1. Lots 3-5 are Contract Lot 2. Lots 6-8 are Contract Lot 3. The Contracting Authority reserves the right not to award any or all lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 Casework Extraction Kits - Kit A Enhanced DNA Extraction

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £720,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 1 Casework Extraction Kits - Kit B Complementary Purification

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 2 Profiling Kits – Subject / Direct Amplification Stream Samples - Proposed Kit 1

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,250,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 2 Profiling Kits – Subject / Direct Amplification Stream Samples - Proposed Kit 2

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,250,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 2 Profiling Kits – Subject / Direct Amplification Stream Samples - Proposed Kit 3

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,250,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 3 Profiling Kits – Case Work Stream Samples - Proposed Kit 1

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 3 Profiling Kits – Case Work Stream Samples - Proposed Kit 2

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Forensic Science Northern Ireland (FSNI) is seeking to establish a Contract for the supply, and delivery of DNA Extraction and Profiling Kits that are approved by the Forensic Information Database Service (FINDS) Strategy Board for upload to the UK National DNA Database. The Contract will remain in place for an initial period of 7 years, with two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years). If tendering for Lot 1 (Casework Extraction Kits), two kits must be provided (kits A and B). If tendering for Lots 2 and 3 (profiling kits), one kit can be proposed up to a maximum of 3 kits per Lot. This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, due to the urgency and nature of the kits, will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend (for any period up to and including 3 years then 2 years).

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

Lot 3 Profiling Kits – Case Work Stream Samples - Proposed Kit 3

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33900000 - Post-mortem and mortuary equipment and supplies
- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

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

Date

19 September 2022

Local time

3:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 18 March 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 September 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.3) Additional information

Due to the urgency and nature of the kits, this procurement will be carried out using the Accelerated Open procedure. This procedure is set out under Regulation 27(5) - Where a state of urgency duly substantiated by the contracting authority renders impracticable the time limit laid down in paragraph (2), it may fix a time limit which shall be not less than 15 days from the date on which the contract notice is sent. . . The figure indicated in 11.1.5 represents an estimated contract value. To clarify, the total estimated contract value for Lot 1 is £900,000; Lot 2 is £3,250,000 and Lot 3 is £1,750,000. These values reflect the potential scale of the contract, however, neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of unsatisfactory performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement. Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the Notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, Royal Courts of Justice

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will comply with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where applicable, will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to all Economic Operators.