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## **Managed Pathology / Equipment Service**

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.lifecycle.co.uk/tenders.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.lifecycle.co.uk/tenders.html>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Managed Pathology / Equipment Service

Reference number

LGM35681

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85323000 - Community health services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Chelsea & Westminster NHS FT (CW) is seeking a managed equipment service (MES) that will provide, as a minimum, the necessary equipment, materials, servicing and maintenance as well as software to allow CW to process approximately 455,000 Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (CT/NG) PCR tests per annum, across four sites. The Trust is seeking a solution that will provide the best balance of performance (in terms of turnaround time), quality, reliability, ease of use, space utilisation and cost efficiency. Consequently, suppliers can propose single or multi-site solutions but must take account of the full requirements when submitting their proposals. Lifecycle Management Group has been appointed to support CW with this exercise.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster
- UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

CW is seeking to purchase a managed equipment service (MES) that will provide, as a minimum, the necessary equipment, materials, servicing and maintenance as well as software to allow CW to process approximately 455,000 CT/NG PCR tests per annum, across four sites. The Trust is seeking a solution that will provide the best balance of performance (in terms of turnaround time), quality, reliability, ease of use, space utilisation and cost efficiency. Consequently, suppliers can propose single or multi-site solutions but must take account of the following and the full requirements when submitting their proposals:

The target Turnaround Time (TAT) is for tests to be predictable, measured as 80% within target time, turnaround time. It can be assumed that this time excludes receipt and registration but must include all sample tracking, preparation, batching, equipment run-time, validation and result transmission via the agreed interface to the clinic management system. The TAT target should allow for any breakdowns as well as planned and unplanned service costs. There must be sufficient redundancy in the system to accommodate this.

Suppliers must specify the workforce that will be required to safely operate the proposed system. This will factor into the financial evaluation and, will also be a consideration when setting the KPIs. Staff activities that should be allowed for must include all throughput and non-throughput related activities directly related to testing, including sample processing, materials management, equipment operation and maintenance, quality control activities and waste management. For costing purposes, supplier should specify FTEs to staff any proposed testing site, as per the operating hours outlined in the tender documentation.

The requirement is for testing to be available at any of the four sites across Central London. If the proposal is for some of these sites to be serviced through a centralised testing model, with samples being transported between sites, this will be reflected in the financial proposal. However, CW will be responsible for providing inter-site transport and this will not form part of the scope of the MES. The time to transport samples between sites will not count towards the target TAT as stated above. Suppliers should, however, allow for peak hourly demand, including the transport delay, when determining capacity requirements.

Suppliers should clearly state the total installed capacity that is available and the percentage of this capacity that will be available in case of critical failures of at least one instrument.

The Trust has a strong preference for work to be performed within the confines of the clinic and no space has been allocated for laboratory testing operations outside of the current clinic footprint. The available space per site is set in the tender documentation and should there be a need to expand beyond this space, this will be accounted for in the

financial evaluation.

The four sites in scope are:

- 10 Hammersmith Broadway Clinic
- John Hunter Clinic for Sexual Health
- 56 Dean Street Clinic
- West Middlesex University Hospital Sexual Health Clinic

#### **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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

CW is seeking a comprehensive long-term solution for CT/NG PCR testing services over a period of five (5) years. Optional extension for an additional two (2) years may be discussed.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

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#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

Date

30 September 2022

Local time

2:00pm

#### **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**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Lifecycle Management Group Ltd

Oxford

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Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: The contracting authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point of information on the decision to award the contract is communicated to bidders in accordance with Regulation 32A of the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

Any bidder wishing to appeal the decision to award the contract, or after the award of contract, appeal the award, shall have the rights as set out in Part 9 of the Public Contract Regulations.