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## **Toxicology Services 2024 - 2028**

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0408a9

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

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

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street

Oldbury

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKG37 - Sandwell

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Toxicology Services 2024 - 2028

Reference number

SMBC 23047

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

- 85111800 - Pathology services

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

Services

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

Sandwell MBC (the "Council") is the relevant authority for the Black Country Coroners Jurisdiction which covers four local authority areas namely; Sandwell MBC, Dudley MBC, Walsall MBC and the City of Wolverhampton. Annually approximately 5000 deaths are reported to the Senior Coroner for the Black Country. When discharging his or her judicial responsibilities, a coroner will make whatever inquiries are necessary when endeavouring to establish a cause of death. Those inquiries although not exclusively may involve a Digital Autopsy scan, a Post Mortem examination and in some instances the use of Toxicology Services to ensure that service he or she provides meets the needs of the bereaved in a timely manner. The Council is therefore co-ordinating a tender exercise for Toxicology Services and wishes to invite interested suppliers ("Tenderers") to participate in a tender exercise in relation to the supply of these services ("invitation to Tender" or "ITT").

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £512,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents
- 71900000 - Laboratory services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKG37 - Sandwell

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

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**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**

Start date

1 February 2024

End date

31 January 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will be retendered in 4 years time

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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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

Please refer to ITT Documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to ITT Documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please refer to ITT Documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Please refer to ITT Documents

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please refer to ITT Documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Not Applicable

**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

6 November 2023

Local time

3:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

6 November 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Council will be using the In-tend e-Tendering System for this Procurement exercise, please visit <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc> to access the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal. From here you will be able to register your company, express an interest in the opportunity, and gain immediate access to the ITT and other related documents. In Order to View the On-Line Questionnaire and Submit a Tender, you will be required to `Opt-In`. For a Step by Step user guide to the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal please click on the `Guidance for Suppliers` section of the website. All procurement responses must be carried out via the Sandwell MBC In-tend Supplier Portal. If you require further assistance in respect of the system, please contact the In-tend support team on 0844 272 8810.

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

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

The High Court of England

Royal Court of Justice the Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom