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Award

Outsourcing of Genetic Testing

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

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

Outsourcing of Genetic Testing

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The All Wales Medical Genomics Service are relocating from the University Hospital of Wales to CIGC in October 2024. To support this relocation, outsourced testing is required to provide continued support across Wales due to downtime of laboratory testing activity. The initial plan was to utilise laboratory space across NHS functions within the United Kingdom. However, due to late changes in capacity of these laboratories this is no longer feasible. Hence, the decision has been made to single award due to timescales preventing full tender and utilise Synlab Laboratories given they are familiar with AWMGS processes and able to provide the capacity and quick turnaround required.

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: £660,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The All Wales Medical Genomics Service (AWMGS) is an NHS specialist health service

hosted at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. The AWMGS delivers its services across Wales supporting patients with genetic conditions and those at risk of developing symptoms of a genetic condition, and in addition delivering genomic tests. As part of the Welsh Government's Genomics Delivery Plan for Wales's, AWMGS will be relocating from UHW to its new facility at CIGC.

All Wales Genomic Laboratory currently provide hundreds of diagnostic tests, averaging a sample throughput of over 3,100 a month. Many of these tests are urgent patient critical diagnosis and treatments, with short turnaround times and as such, a provision must be supplied.

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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:

Public Contract Regulations. Regulation 32 (C) "insofar as is strictly necessary where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable by the contracting authority, the time limits for the open or restricted procedures or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with."

Due to the unforeseen circumstances of UK NHS Laboratories reducing capacity for send out testing. AWMGS are required to relocate to CIGC from October 2024. Therefore, it is of extreme urgency that Synlab are awarded the contract to provide emergency testing when the move begins in October 2024.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

27 September 2024

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £660,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=144885.](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=144885)

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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