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Awarded contract

Support of existing Column Agglutination Testing (CAT) equipment

Nhs Blood & Transplant

F20: Modification notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Support of existing Column Agglutination Testing (CAT) equipment

Reference number

NHSBT1193

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696100 - Blood-grouping reagents
- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents
- 50421000 - Repair and maintenance services of medical equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

Red Cell Immunohaematology (RCI) is a specialist function within the Diagnostics and Therapeutic Services Directorate of NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT). The RCI Reference Laboratories provide antibody resolution and red cell typing on samples referred from Hospital Transfusion Laboratories, clinics, and other departments within NHSBT. Reference services are provided from Birmingham, Colindale, Filton (Bristol), Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle, Sheffield and Tooting. Column Agglutination Technology (CAT) equipment is in use in RCI laboratories to achieve the testing described above, the equipment in use is supplied by Bio-Rad and includes IH-1000 analysers, centrifuges, and incubators to support manual testing using Bio-Rad consumables.

NHSBT published a PIN in October 2018 under OJEU Reference: 2018/S 199-450157. During pre-engagement, due to an ongoing strategic review of capital allocation in NHSBT, the Authority was required to re-consider the procurement strategy. NHSBT has currently a requirement for maintenance and bespoke consumables for the existing Column Agglutination Technology (CAT) equipment. The market is currently limited to one supplier only that is able to meet NHSBT's requirements for this tender. The supply of maintenance and consumables is needed to meet the current and future needs of NHSBT, in a cost effective manner. Therefore, following a negotiated procedure NHSBT awarded a 2 year agreement with 1 year option to extend for the support of existing Column Agglutination Testing systems (IH-1000 machines) to Bio-Rad Laboratories Ltd.

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

Duration in months

24

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2020/S 152-373727](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

NHSBT1193

Title

Support of existing Column Agglutination Testing (CAT) Systems - extension

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

5 November 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Bio-Rad Laboratories Ltd

Watford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £1,700,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NHS Blood and Transplant

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

VII.1.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33696100 - Blood-grouping reagents
- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents
- 50421000 - Repair and maintenance services of medical equipment

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

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VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

1 August 2022

End date

31 July 2023

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,700,000

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Bio-Rad Laboratories Ltd

Watford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

NHSBT decided to use the 1-year extension option secured within Terms and Conditions of contract ref. NHSBT1193 awarded in July 2020. The extension will amend the contract end date to 31st July 2023 and will increase the overall value of the contract. The supplier is the original contractor Bio-Rad Laboratories Ltd.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

NHSBT is currently using IH-1000 machines bought by the Authority during the lifetime of the previous contract for Column Agglutination Testing. Only the existing supplier is able to provide maintenance, servicing, calibration, as well as kits, reagents and consumables for the IH-1000 machines. The existing machines are still fit-for-purpose and NHSBT would like to utilise the equipment until the end of their life span to ensure the best value for money.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £2,900,000