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Laboratory Managed Service

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKG3 - West Midlands

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Main address

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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

Laboratory Managed Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Laboratory Managed Service

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: £41,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 51430000 - Installation services of laboratory equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A Laboratory Managed Service Contract which will include equipment installation and commissioning and the supply of training, maintenance, consumables and service availability; along with the management of any third party involvement.

The Supplier will provide a comprehensive managed service that will act as an enabler for the delivery of clinical services, improve outcomes and support the streamlining of clinical pathways.

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

- absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust (UHB) intends to enter into a new contract with Abbott Laboratories Limited.

The main benefit of entering into this contract revolves around the stability of application platforms while service consolidation takes place over the networks. As stated in the NHSE state of the nation document;

“Consolidating pathology services allows for most consistent, clinically appropriate turnaround times ensuring the right test is available at the right time... consolidation can ensure an appropriate critical mass to support specialist diagnostics, so that patients have equal access to key tests and services are sustainable”

As the capacity for change in the system is currently limited by post-Covid recovery plans, increased Emergency Department activity and other important projects for future productivity and performance (i.e. the current implantation of a new LIMS) a change of supplier will endanger the successful delivery of all of these important projects.

Aligned to this a change of major analytical platform – however well planned – will always likely result in a reduction in productivity and consequently the restoration and recovery plan will be severely affected as will current ED turnaround times. It is assessed that the patients of Birmingham and Solihull will be put at a significant disadvantage if a fundamental piece of the diagnostic process undergoes change at this moment in time.

Future projects will be enabled and better served by not embarking on a period of change, particularly with reference to a wider BSOL ICS consolidation – including Birmingham Women’s and Children’s Hospital. In addition, with the implementation of the LIMS across BSOL, in future we will have a digital environment which is standardised and working in all providers of laboratory services in Birmingham and Solihull, reducing the risks of making an analytical transition for the trusts and the suppliers.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

Laboratory Managed Service

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 December 2022

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

Abbott Laboratories Limited

Abbott House Vanwall Business Park, Vanwall Road,

Maidenhead

SL6 4XE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

National registration number

00329102

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: £41,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

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