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Contract

Managed Service Contract for the Bacterial Screening of Platelets

NHS Blood and Transplant

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03590d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Blood and Transplant

500 North Bristol Park

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>

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

Managed Service Contract for the Bacterial Screening of Platelets

Reference number

C116642

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A fully integrated, high throughput, automated bacterial screening system which can detect bacterial contamination in platelet components. The system will be used in Filton (Bristol), Manchester and Colindale (London) where approximately 270,000 adult therapeutic doses of platelets are manufactured each year.

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: £47,085,000

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48921000 - Automation system
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 38434520 - Blood analysers
- 33698100 - Microbiological cultures
- 71632000 - Technical testing services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85146000 - Services provided by blood banks

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A direct contractual relationship with either the manufacturer or any other economic operator for a complete end-to-end integrated solution, which includes all the necessary equipment, installation, maintenance, consumables, reagents, software, including an interoperability provision with NHSBT's existing IT infrastructure, and an overall on-going support mechanism that may be required to carry out the necessary testing as stated

below. All invitro diagnostic medical devices, for example, instruments, consumables, and reagents must be CE/UKCA marked. GB will continue to recognise CE marking under the IVDD or IVDR until 30 June 2023 and from 1 July 2023 devices placed on the GB market must be UKCA marked under the UK MDR 2002 as amended. The end-to-end solution must be capable of producing test results in a format that can be utilised by NHSBT's host IT system (PULSE) without the need for changes to PULSE.

A fully integrated, high throughput, automated bacterial screening system which can detect bacterial contamination in platelet components. The system will be used in Filton (Bristol), Manchester and Colindale (London) where approximately 270,000 adult therapeutic doses of platelets are manufactured each year. The system must be CE/UKCA marked. Additional requirements to be included with the managed service contract include:

- continuous calibrated temperature monitoring
- ability to integrate with NHSBT information management system
- alerting software (for positive results, hardware errors, temperature excursions)
- consumables (including, but not limited to, sterile sampling connecting devices)

All test protocols must be in accordance with the Guidelines for the Blood Transfusion service in the United Kingdom (<https://www.transfusionguidelines.org/red-book>) and the Good Practice Guidelines for Blood Establishments that are Required to Comply with Directive 2005/62/EC. These are published in the 20th edition of the Guide to the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Biomerieux UK Limited

Chineham Gate, Crockford Lane

Basingstoke

RG24 8NA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £47,085,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The High Court

The Strand

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Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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