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Tender

Services for slide digitisation - multi-modal

GENOMICS ENGLAND LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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LONDON

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Contact

Procurement Team

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Partnership

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.genomicsengland.co.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://public.bravosolution.co.uk/genomicsengland/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://public.bravosolution.co.uk/genomicsengland/web/login.html>

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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

Services for slide digitisation - multi-modal

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Genomics England are looking for a provider to support in digitising all the histopathology slides from the participants of the 100,000 Genomes Project so they can be transferred to the multi-modal research environment.

The multi-modal project provides an enriched data set for cancer research by adding of imaging data from pathology slides and radiology images (e.g., x-ray, CT and MRI) alongside whole genome data.

The multi-modal project aims are:

- Complete the scanning and digitisation of the remaining 200,000 histopathology slides for the 100,000 Genomes Project participants.
- Make accessible to researchers a secure library of linked genomic, clinical and imaging cancer data accompanied with the tooling needed to accelerate the understanding of the morphological, genomic and clinical changes that occur in cancer.
- Lead the research community to generate new insights from the data to support diagnostic, prognostic and precision medicine discovery.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The requirements include the following:

- To provide a high quality, clinical grade digital pathology service.
- The successful supplier must be of reputable standard with known clinical and academic standing and engagement with the Royal Collage of Pathologists (as this is a national digitisation programme).
- Ideally based within an NHS site to allow for receipt of identifiable information from participants and not require formal MTAs for movement of slides.
- Supplier must demonstrate secure storage for identifiable glass slides.
- Deployment team already established to perform similar process, at scale (expected volumes of 4000 slides per week).
- Clear protocol for handling and anonymisation of participant information and slides.
- Anonymise, scan and digitise 200,000 histopathology slides from solid cancer participants in the 100,000 Genomes Project over one year.
- Digitisation of slides must be performed at x40 magnification on Leica GT450 scanner, in line with previous configurations and analysis.
- Supplier will need to provide scanning of selected slides on a variety of scanners for variability.
- Digital images need to be of DICOM compatible format.
- Supplier will need to have logistics in place to digitise from CellNass directly.
- Transfer these digitised slides to the Genomic England's multi-modal research environment over IBM Aspera.
- Capability to receive and store histopathology slides.

- Capability to conduct quality control protocols and scan all slides.
- Capability to store and transfer image data.

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

Duration in months

14

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

If you have not already done so, you will need to register on our Bravo portal

<https://public.bravosolution.co.uk/genomicsengland/web/login.html>

Please register on the e-tendering portal (Bravo) on the link provided. Once registered, you can find the opportunity under project title Services for slide digitisation - multi-modal or the project reference "project_867"

All correspondence should be sent via the portal.

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

See tender documentation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

See tender documentation

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

See tender documentation

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

See tender documentation

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

See tender documentation

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

See tender documentation

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The accelerated procedure has been used due to the urgent nature of requirements, the normal time limits are rendered impractical. Genomics England also has a responsibility to manage the wider operational and delivery risk of not being able to secure this services in a timely manner.

Under the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR), authorities can reduce the minimum timescales for the open procedure, the restricted procedure and the competitive procedure with negotiation if a state of urgency renders the standard timescales impracticable. The minimum time limits vary. For procurements under the open procedure, timescales can be reduced to 15 days for receipt of tenders plus the minimum 10 days for the standstill period.

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

22 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

2 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Genomics England

London

Country

United Kingdom