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Contract

SNBTS Nucleic Acid Extraction System

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

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<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

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

SNBTS Nucleic Acid Extraction System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434520 - Blood analysers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service ("SNBTS") had the requirement for one (1) Nucleic Acid Extraction System to replace the existing machine at SNBTS Jack Copland Centre, Heriot Watt University Campus, Edinburgh.

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: £44,100

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

SNBTS

Jack Copland Centre

52 Research Avenue North

Edinburgh

EH14 4BE

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS), part of NHS National Services Scotland (NHS NSS) (“Health Board”) were commencing a Procurement Exercise for a new nucleic acid extraction system, based at the Jack Copland Centre, Edinburgh.

This would be used to perform confirmatory Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) testing on all blood, tissue and cell donations that are reactive in the initial screening assays. The National Microbiology Reference Unit (NMRU) also performs NAT screening on any blood, tissue and cell donations that fail, or are not suitable for NAT testing, on the automated Donor Testing platforms.

This Tender covered the purchase and installation of one (1) Nucleic Acid Extraction System. This included the software, training, and equipment and associated maintenance required for their operation.

The supplier shall act as the Principal Contractor and shall be responsible for the supply, installation and commissioning of the replacement system and associated equipment.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

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

6 December 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Roche Diagnostics Ltd

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Burgess Hill

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ28 - West Sussex (North East)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £44,100

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated values referred to in Section II.1.7 and V.2.4 covers the 12 months contract duration of the contract agreement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sherriff Court House

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United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

The bringing of court proceedings against the Authority after the Contract Agreement has been entered into will not affect the Contract Agreement unless grounds for the imposition of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established. Otherwise the remedies that may be awarded by the courts where the Contract Agreement has been entered into are limited to the award of damages.