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Contract

Toxicology Services

Birmingham City Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-059caa

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Birmingham City Council

Council House, 1 Victoria Square

Birmingham

B1 1BB

Contact

Commercial and Procurement Services

Email

etendering@birmingham.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKG31 - Birmingham

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.birmingham.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Toxicology Services

Reference number

P2268

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To deliver Toxicology Services.

The Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (s1) places a duty on the coroner to investigate certain deaths, s14 of the Act allows the coroner to order a suitable post-mortem examination, to enable the coroner to decide if Section 1 applies.

A pathologist carries out the post-mortem and they or the Coroner request various toxicological testing to support investigations to establish the cause of death.

Toxicology analysis will be undertaken on those cases where there is reason to suspect the death may be related to a toxicological substance or substance misuse. (Toxicology is defined by the Oxford Languages dictionary as 'the measurement and analysis of potential toxins, intoxicating or banned substances, and prescription medications present in a person's body.')

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: £1,125,576

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To deliver Toxicology and Pathology Services following the 'Direct Award Process C' as set out in the Health Care Services [Provider Selection Regime (PSR)] Regulations 2023. "Direct Award Process C" means the process set out in regulation 8 for the award of a contract without a competition.

The three year contract will commence on 1st October 2025 with an option to extend for a further period of 1 year subject to satisfactory performance and budgetary availability.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100%

Price - Weighting: Price 0%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

With an option to extend for a further period of 1 year subject to satisfactory performance and budgetary availability.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) intention to award notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award. The publication of this notice marks the start of the standstill period. Representations by providers must be made to decision makers by 29th September 2025. This contract has not yet formally been awarded; this notice serves as an intention to award under the PSR.

The key criteria as follows:

- (a) Quality and innovation
- (b) Value
- (c) Integration, collaboration and service sustainability
- (d) Improving access
- (e) Social value

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

17 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Headquarters, PO Box 9551, Main Drive, Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre,
Birmingham

Birmingham

B15

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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: £1,125,576

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,125,576

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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Decision makers:

Director of City Operations in conjunction with the Director of Commercial & Procurement (or their delegate), Executive Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer (or their delegate) and the Director of Legal & Monitoring Officer (or their delegate)

No conflict of interest identified.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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