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Tender

Supply and Maintenance of Blood Component Transport Containers

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Scope

Reference

C344340

Description

NHS Blood & Transplant (NHSBT) are seeking tenders for our Blood Component Transport Containers requirement.

The Framework Agreement will include two lots as follows:

- a. Lot 1 - Supply, Repair and Maintenance of new Transport Containers for Blood Components.
- b. Lot 2 - Repair and Maintenance of Existing Blood Component Transport Containers.

Each Lot will have its own set of participating authorities who are able to place call-offs, as follows:

a. Lot 1 participating authorities - NHS Blood and Transplant; Irish Blood Transfusion Service; Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service; Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service; and

Welsh Blood Service.

b. Lot 2 participating authorities - NHS Blood and Transplant and Welsh Blood Service

Further information can be found in the tender documents.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £2,087,000 excluding VAT
- £2,504,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 19 April 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34221000 - Special-purpose mobile containers
- 33949000 - Body transport containers

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
 - IE - Ireland
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Lot 1. Supply, Repair and Maintenance of new Transport Containers for Blood Components

Description

Lot 1 - Supply, Repair and Maintenance of new Transport Containers for Blood Components.

The following participating authorities can place call-off contracts under Lot 1:

NHS Blood and Transplant;

Irish Blood Transfusion Service;

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service; Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service;
and

Welsh Blood Service.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,024,000 excluding VAT
- £2,428,800 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot Lot 2. Repair and Maintenance of Existing Transport Containers

Description

Lot 2 - Repair and Maintenance of Existing Transport Containers.

The following participating authorities can place call-off contracts under Lot 2:

NHS Blood and Transplant; and

Welsh Blood Service

Lot value (estimated)

- £63,000 excluding VAT
- £75,600 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

United Kingdom and Ireland

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

NHS Blood and Transplant (Lot 1 and Lot 2);

Irish Blood Transfusion Service (Lot 1 only);

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service (Lot 1 only);

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (Lot 1 only); and

Welsh Blood Service (Lot 1 and Lot 2).

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Supply, Repair and Maintenance of new Transport Containers for Blood Components

Lot Lot 2. Repair and Maintenance of Existing Transport Containers

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

16 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 March 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 November 2029

Award criteria

Lot 1. Supply, Repair and Maintenance of new Transport Containers for Blood Components

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical / Quality	Quality	60.00%
Price	Price	30.00%
Social Value	Quality	10.00%

Lot Lot 2. Repair and Maintenance of Existing Transport Containers

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	85.00%
Social Value	Quality	10.00%
Quality	Quality	5.00%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Unforeseen Regulatory Changes for NHS Blood and Transplant, participating authorities, or the Supplier (or principal Subcontractors) which may impact volume or type of activity.

Unforeseen changes necessitated by General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which may impact volume of activity.

Unforeseen increase in activity which may impact volume or type of activity.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government