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Tender

SNBTS Rapid Plasma Freezers

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

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.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

SNBTS Rapid Plasma Freezers

Reference number

NPNSS06525

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 39711120 - Freezers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service ("SNBTS") have the requirement for three (3) Rapid Plasma Freezers to replace the existing freezers at SNBTS Jack Copland Centre, Heriot Watt University Campus, Edinburgh.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £258,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 39711120 - Freezers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (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”) are commencing a Procurement Exercise for three (3) Rapid Plasma Freezers, based at the Jack Copland Centre, Edinburgh.

Rapid Plasma Freezers are used during the manufacture of Fresh Frozen Plasma and Pooled Cryoprecipitate from whole blood donations and the freezing Plasma for Fractionation from whole blood and plasmapheresis collections. The European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM) Guide to the Preparation, Use and Quality Assurance of Blood Components requires “rapid freezing of clinical plasma components to -25oC or below within 60 minutes”.

This Tender covers the purchase and installation of three (3) Rapid Plasma Freezers. This includes 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: NHS Requirement / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

12

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.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in breach of any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4B.1.1 Bidders will be required to have a minimum “general” yearly turnover of GBP 516000 for the last 3 years.

4B.2.1 Bidders will be required to have a minimum yearly turnover of GBP 516000 for the last 3 years in the business area covered by the contract.

4B.5 It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commence of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = GBP5m

Public Liability Insurance = GBP5m

Product Liability Insurance = GBP5m

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

- All tendered products must fully comply with the NHS Requirement included within the tender documents;

- 4.C.1.2 Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services/supplies as described in part II.2.4 of the FTS/OJEU Contract Notice.

— 4C.12 If awarded to the Contract Potential Contractors must provide evidence that tendered products are CE/ UKCA marked. Evidence should be in the form of certification issued by a notified body.

- 4D.1 Quality Management Procedures

1. The bidder must hold a UKAS (or equivalent) accredited independent third party certificate of compliance in accordance with BS EN ISO 9001 (or equivalent),

OR

2. The bidder must have the following:

a. A documented policy regarding quality management. The policy must set out responsibilities for quality management demonstrating that the bidder has and continues to implement a quality management policy that is authorised by their Chief Executive, or equivalent, and is periodically reviewed at a senior management level. The policy must be relevant to the nature and scale of the work to be

undertaken and set out responsibilities for quality management throughout the organisation.

b. Documented procedures for periodically reviewing, correcting and improving quality performance including processes for ensuring that the bidder's quality management is effective in reducing/preventing incidents of sub-standard delivery, this must include the quality of output and general performance.

c. A documented process for ensuring that quality management is effective in reducing/preventing incidents of sub-standard delivery, this must include the quality of output and general performance. The bidder must be able to provide copies of their organisation's documentation procedures, that meet current agreed good practice. These must include the arrangements for quality management throughout the bidder's organisation. They must set out how the bidder's organisation will carry out its policy, with a clear indication of how the arrangements are communicated to the workforce.

d. Documented arrangements for providing the bidder's workforce with quality related training and information appropriate to the type of work for which this organisation is likely to bid. This will demonstrate that the organisation has in place and implements training arrangements to ensure that its workforce has sufficient skills and understanding to discharge their various responsibilities. These must include a programme of training that will keep the workforce up to date with required knowledge about quality related issues, including copies of job profiles; training manuals and records.

e. Documented arrangements that your organisation has a system for monitoring quality management procedures on an on-going basis. The bidder's organisation must be able to provide evidence of systematic, periodic review and improvement of quality in respect of output and general performance.

f. Documented arrangements for ensuring that the bidders apply quality management measures that are appropriate to the work for which they are being engaged.

g. A documented process demonstrating how the bidder deals with complaints. The bidder must be able to provide details of how their organisation maintains records of any complaints received and how corrective measures are carried out to prevent reoccurrence.

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

8 December 2025

Local time

11:00am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

8 December 2025

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11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated value referred to in Section II.1.5 covers the 12 months contract duration of the contract agreement.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 30521. For more information see:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection notification has previously been made) applied to be selected to tender, of its decision to award the contract agreement which notification will contain among other information, a summary of the reasons why the economic operators was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which the Authority dispatches the notice(s) and the date on which the Authority proposes to conclude the relevant contract agreement. The bringing of court proceedings against the Authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the contract agreement until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the contract agreement has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the contract agreement to the winning tenderer(s). 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.