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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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Main address

<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

Reference number

NPNSS03125

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: £88,500

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 were 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 were 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 should act as the Principal Contractor and should 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: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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

Contract No

NPNSS03125

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Biomerieux UK Ltd

Grafton Way

Basingstoke

RG22 6HY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £88,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The values referred to in Section II.1.7 and V.2.4 covers the capital cost and 12 months warranty period.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sherriff Court House

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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