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Contract

Stem Cell Collection Equipment, Consumables and Maintenance

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Stem Cell Collection Equipment, Consumables and Maintenance

Reference number

WBS/STA/739

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434520 - Blood analysers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Stem cell collection apparatus, consumables and associated maintenance to support the establishment of a new in-house NHS Stem Cell Collection Service

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: £290,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38434520 - Blood analysers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

Velindre Cancer Centre, Velindre Road, Cardiff.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase of 2 Apheresis Stem Cell Spectra Optia machines, plus consumables and maintenance for the equipment life. Via the publication of a Prior Information Notice 02/12/20 (PIN WA Ref: 106238), the Authority sought expressions of interest from suitable candidates to provide the Apheresis Stem Cell Collection Service to the current specification. No such expressions were received.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options to purchase consumables and maintenance beyond the manufacturers original asset life of 10 years.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

PLEASE NOTE THIS CONTRACT WAS AWARDED FROM 01/03/2020 TO 28/02/2022 SO HAS SUBSEQUENTLY ENDED, AN AWARD NOTICE WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN ERROR.

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Authority therefore intends to award a contract under the provisions of the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Notification (Regulation 32) to Terumo BCT for the purchase of 2 Apheresis Stem Cell Spectra Optia machines, along with the associated consumables and appropriate maintenance agreements, for the life of the equipment as recommended by the manufacturer. Changing the equipment collection system would most likely result in adjustments being required to the collection service operation model, as no two systems operate to the same specification. Subsequently this would impact upon the Service ability to collect sufficient cells within an acceptable timeframe, to meet the needs of the patient awaiting treatment e.g. more days may be required to collect the stem cells. The WBMDR collection centre provides contingency for Stem Cell Apheresis collection at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW) and vice versa. The 'Spectra Optia' Apheresis machines are already in situ at UHW. Purchasing different equipment would require UHW nurses to be trained in the use of the new equipment. WBMDR Nurses and those within the University Hospital of Wales (which provide continuity in case of service failure at either site), are all trained to use the Spectra Optias and have no experience of using alternative systems. Requirement to re-train on an alternative solution will result in a delay to provision of stem cells for patients. Particularly as the majority of staff at this time are diverted to supporting the NHS Wales response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Authority needs to publish this notice in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015, under Regulation 32 (Use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication), specifically: 32(1) In the specific cases and circumstances laid down in this regulation, contracting authorities may award public contracts by a negotiated procedure without prior publication. General grounds: 32(2)(b)(ii) The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:— 2(b) where the works, supplies or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons:— (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons.

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

WBS/STA/739

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Terumo BCT Ltd

Old Belfast , Millbrook

Larne

BT402SH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £290,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:159828)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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