

United Kingdom-London: Pathology services

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Contract notice**Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: UCLPartners Procurement Services

Postal address: Level 2 Kenwood Wing, The Whittington Hospital, Magdala Avenue

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Internet address(es):Main address: <https://www.lppsourcing.org>Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.lppsourcing.org>**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3. CommunicationThe procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://procontract.due-north.com/register>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://procontract.due-north.com/register>**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**

PR2644 — Histopathology and Cytology Managed Laboratory Service.

Reference number: DN234383

II.1.2. Main CPV code

85111800 Pathology services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

UCL Partners Procurement Services, on behalf of Whittington Health NHS Trust (WH), wishes to procure a service provider to deliver its Histopathology and Cytopathology service, to include medical reporting. The Trust requires: processing of histology specimens from receipt of sample to dispatch/release of reports, processing of diagnostic cytology specimens from receipt of sample to dispatch/release of reports and processing of gynaecological cytology specimens from receipt of sample to release of reports.

In conjunction with the laboratory services, WH is also seeking a solution for the medical / clinical reporting aspects of their Histo/Cytopathology service, including, clinical advice, surgical cut-up, reporting including intraoperative diagnostics, multi-disciplinary team meeting preparation, attendance and participation, adult consented post mortems, teaching and training, research, audit and education.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

33910000 Pathology dissection instruments and supplies, 38000000 Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses), 48180000 Medical software package, 51430000 Installation services of laboratory equipment, 71900000 Laboratory services, 85148000 Medical analysis services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK11 Inner London

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Histo/Cytopathology department is UKAS accredited and in each financial year receives approximately 12 100 Histology requests spanning a wide range of specialities (major surgical resections received for breast and colorectal), 1 100 Diagnostic Cytology requests and 21 400 Cervical Cytology samples. A winning bidder will need to enter into an arrangement with an NHS Trust whereby that Trust will employ the medical staff (doctors) and administrative staff. It is for bidders to determine how the arrangement with the third party NHS Trust will operate (whether by way of a sub-contract, consortium or other arrangement) and bids should be priced accordingly. In addition to the Laboratory Staff, the service also includes budget for four Consultant Pathologist posts; two positions are currently vacant. There is also a Registrar Post, currently filled by a Trust grade doctor. WH's expectation is that TUPE will apply to all the current staff in post involved in any transfer.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 96

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The term of this contract is 5 years. The term may be extended for a further period of twelve months on 1 or more occasions provided the duration of this contract is no longer than eight years in total.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 5
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:
As stated in the procurement documents.

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

II.2.14. Additional information

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:

Medical staff must have full General Medical Council (GMC) registration at the point of performing the agreement and hold a licence to practice.

Medical staff must be a holder of certificate of completion of training (CCT) in histopathology or equivalent.

Medical staff must be on the GMC specialist register in histopathology (or eligible for registration within 6 months of interview).

Medical staff must have a MBBS or equivalent.

Medical staff must have passed the FRCPATH examination or equivalent.

Biomedical scientists must have a medical science degree and be HCPC registered.

The service must be accredited by UKAS to IFO15189:2012 standards or equivalent.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession
Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:

Please refer to Section III.1.1.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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: 22/02/2017 Local time: 23:55

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 01/03/2017

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

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 30/09/2017

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

The authority intends to conduct a competition in a style which is similar to a restricted procedure (Regulation 28 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)), in order to identify the most economically advantageous tender for its requirement. The authority reserves the right to deviate from the formalities of the restricted procedure, due to the flexibilities afforded under Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) for social and other specific services.

The contracting authority reserves the right not to award the opportunity or to award only part or a different arrangement of the opportunity described in this contract notice.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: High Court of England & Wales

Postal address: Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 2079477882

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: In accordance with Regulation 86, Notices of decisions to award a contract Regulation 87 Standstill Period; and Regulations 91 Enforcement of duties through the Court of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

23/01/2017