

UK-Bridgend: laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

## Section I: Contracting authority

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### I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: ABM University Health Board

Postal address: Procurement Services, Glanrhyd Hospital, Tondu Road

Town: Bridgend

Postal code: CF31 4LN

Country: United Kingdom

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**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

### I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

### I.3. Main activity

Health

### I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

## Section II: Object of the contract

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### II.1. Description

#### II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Managed service contract for the provision of point of care blood gas analysers and consumables.

#### II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 25: Health and social services

Main site or place of performance: Various locations within the geographical boundary of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board.

NUTS code UKL Wales

#### II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

#### II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

#### II.1.5.

### **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (the "Contracting Authority") is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified contractor to provide Bench-top blood gas analysers, cartridges /reagents and associated consumables for blood gas analysis, electrolytes, glucose, lactate and co-oximetry in defined clinical areas by way of a fully managed equipment services arrangement. Bidder's solutions must satisfy statutory requirements. The envisaged contract duration is 7 + 1 + 1 years. It is the expectation of the Contracting Authority to enter into an arrangement for the supply of a managed laboratory medicine diagnostic service that will be structured in a manner that will facilitate VAT recovery by the Contracting Authority on all associated costs of the arrangement under the appropriate NHS VAT contracted out services reliefs, on the basis it qualifies as a fully managed laboratory service by meeting all the requirements for such arrangements as laid down by the relevant tax authority. It is also the expectation of the Contracting Authority to enter into an arrangement for the supply of the laboratory medicine diagnostic service that will be structured in a manner that will allow all associated costs of the arrangement to be kept off balance sheet in relation to international reporting standards. Further details are set out in the Memorandum of Information (MOI) which is available on request (see section V1.3).

Community benefits do not apply to this contract.

#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

38000000 Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses), 71900000 Laboratory services

#### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

#### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

### **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

As set out in MOI, which is available on request.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 2 400 000 and 3 000 000 GBP

#### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

### **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Start 10.2.2012. Completion 1.7.2012

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1.**

### **Deposits and guarantees required**

As set out in the invitation to tender documents. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to request a parent company and/or other guarantees of financial liability.

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

As set out in the invitation to tender documents.

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

None specified, save that in the case of a partnership or consortium or other groups of more than one legal entity bidding together, the contract will be with either (1) all bidders on the basis of joint or several liability, or (2) with one or more of the parties acting as 'prime contractor' (and where more than one, on a joint and several liability basis). Where the contract is with a special purpose company with separate legal personality established for the project, the Contracting Authority will require sufficient guarantees to be given by participants in that company or their parents.

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes  
Description of particular conditions: As set out in the contract documents.

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: The pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ), which is available on request, will provide details. Any economic operator may be excluded from participation if it fulfills any of the criteria listed in Regulation 23 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006/Article 45 EU Directive 2004/18/EC.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: As set out in the PQQ.  
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As set out in the PQQ.

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:  
As set out in the PQQ.  
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:  
As set out in the PQQ.

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

#### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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Restricted

##### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As set out in the PQQ.

##### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

T/ABM/026/11/HJ

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

14.3.2012 - 12:00

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in days: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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##### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

##### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

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

### VI.3. Additional information

The services to which this notice relates fall within part B of schedule 3, part 10 of the Public Services Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the Regulations). Neither of the publications of this notice nor the employment of any particular terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the contracting authority intends to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations save those applicable to part B services. Bidders should note that they will be required to enter into terms and conditions of contract as set out in the ITT and that save for matters of clarification or consistency the Contracting Authority will not negotiate the terms. The Contracting Authority will not accept completed PQQ's after the stated closing date. Bidders who request a PQQ will also be provided with an MOI which provides outline information in relation to the services being procured. All tender costs and liabilities incurred by bidders shall be the sole responsibility of bidders. The Contracting Authority reserves the right to award the contract in whole or in part, or annul the tendering process and not award any contract. All documents to be priced in sterling and all payments made in sterling. In relation to Section II.9 above - variants will be accepted to the extent permitted in the ITT (if at all). The envisaged contract duration is 7+1+1 years. The tender process may be undertaken in part via electronic means using the Bravo E-Tendering system.

Suppliers instructions how to express interest in the tender:

1. Register your company on the eTenderwales portal (this is only required once):

- Browse to the eSourcing Portal: [www.etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk),
- Click the 'Click here to register' link,
- Accept the terms and conditions and click 'continue',
- Enter your correct business and user details,
- Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete,
- You will shortly receive an e-mail with your unique password (please keep this secure).

2. Express an interest in the tender:

- Login to the portal with the username/password,
- Click the 'Open Access PQQ's' link. (These are pre-qualification questionnaires open to any registered supplier),
- Click on the relevant PQQ to access the content,
- Click the 'Express Interest' button in the 'Actions' box on the left-hand side of the page,
- This will move the PQQ into your 'My PQQ's' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only),
- Click on the PQQ code, you can now access any attachments by clicking the 'Settings and Buyer Attachments' in the 'Actions' box.

3. Responding to the tender:

- You can now choose to 'Reply' or 'Reject' (please give reason if rejecting),
- You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification,
- Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ,
- There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available).

If you require any further assistance use the online help, or the Bravo Solution help desk is available Monday to Friday (8am - 6pm) on:

- e-mail: [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk),
  - Phone: +44 8003684850, fax: +44 2070800480.
- Buy4Wales Reference Number: 28041.

### VI.4. Procedures for review

**VI.4.1. Review body****VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Contracting Authority will allow a minimum of 10 calendar day standstill period between notifying the award decision and awarding the contract. Unsuccessful tenderers and applicants are entitled to receive reasons for the decision, including the characteristics and relative advantages of the winning bid and the reasons why the tenderer/applicant was unsuccessful. Should additional information be required it should be requested of the addressee in Section I.1. Aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the procurement rules have the right to take action in the High Court (England and Wales). Any such action is subject to strict time limits and must be brought promptly in accordance with the Public Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2011.

**VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained****VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

13.2.2012