

UK-Carmarthen: Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Hywel Dda Local Health Board

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Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) 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

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

II.1. Description

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

Managed Laboratory Services - Blood Sciences - Clinical Chemistry Services

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: Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Haverfordwest and Llanelli, UK.

NUTS code UKL1 West Wales and The Valleys

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)

Hywel Dda Health Board is currently planning to modernise the delivery of Pathology Services and is seeking to implement a managed laboratory service contract, over a phased period, across the Blood Science Services including but not limited to Clinical Chemistry, Blood Gas, Immunology and Point of Care Testing. These services are presently provided from acute hospital sites in Aberystwyth, Carmarthen, Haverfordwest and Llanelli. This contract will maximise innovation and technology, and drive efficiency and effectiveness to provide a high quality, innovative and progressive diagnostic service offering a total overall value for money solution. This will include the provision and maintenance of equipment, together with the supply of all reagents, chemicals, consumables, training, associated IT connectivity and other support services.

It is the expectation of the Contracting Authority to enter into an arrangement for the supply of the required services that will be structured in such 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 that 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 the expectation of the Contracting Authority to enter into an arrangement for the supply of Blood Science Services 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 Financial Reporting Standards.

The envisaged contact duration is 7 + 1 + 1 years, however the Contracting Authority reserves the right to discuss and consider alternative contract terms of up to 14 years during the course of dialogue.

Further details are set out in a Memorandum of Information (MOI) which is available on request.

Community Benefits do not apply to this contract.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

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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

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

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

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

As set out in the invitation to participate in dialogue (ITPD) 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 participate in dialogue (ITPD) 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 consortia 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 and 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: (a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, whose affairs are being administered by the courts, who has entered into an arrangement with creditors or who is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;

(b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding-up or administration by the courts or for an arrangement with creditors or is the subject of any other similar proceeding under national laws or regulations;

(c) has been convicted of an offence concerning his professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;

(d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can justify;

(e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or those of the country of the contracting authority;

(f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or those of the country of the contracting authority;

(g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under the provisions of the Directive on the criteria for qualitative selection;

The pre qualification questionnaire (PQQ), which is available as set out below, will provide the details required. Any economic operator may be excluded from participation if it fulfils any of the criteria listed in Regulation 23 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) / Article 45 EU Directive 2004/18/EC. A supplier may be disqualified who does not respond to the following in the requisite manner: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender: 1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only

required once) - Browse to the eSourcing Portal: <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs> and click the link to register - 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 email 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 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) - Click on the relevant PQQ/ ITT to access the content. - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. - This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box 3. Responding to the PQQ/ITT - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) - 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/ ITT - There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available) You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: 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.

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

IV.1. Type of procedure

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competitive dialogue

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

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 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

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

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

HDT-67

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

11.4.2013 - 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

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

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

A PQQ must be completed and returned with the request to participate. To obtain a PQQ please refer to Section III.2.1 above.

Bidders can request a PQQ until 3 days before the deadline for submission.

The Contracting Authority will not accept request's for the PQQ's after this date.

Bidders who received 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 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.1.9 above – variants will be accepted to the extent permitted in the

ITPD (if at all).

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Authority will allow a minimum 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 Contracts (Amendments) Regulations 2009.

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

6.3.2013