

**UK-Welwyn Garden City: pathology services**

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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: Hertfordshire Supply Management Confederation

Postal address: HSMC-GATE, Gate House, Fretherne Rd

Town: Welwyn Garden City

Postal code: AL8 6NS

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [tenders@hsmc.nhs.uk](mailto:tenders@hsmc.nhs.uk)**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: [www.supplying2nhs.com](http://www.supplying2nhs.com)**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

Official name: Due North

Internet address: [https://www.supplying2nhs.com/procontract/healthservice/supplier.nsf/frm\\_home?openForm](https://www.supplying2nhs.com/procontract/healthservice/supplier.nsf/frm_home?openForm)**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** Official name: Due NorthInternet address: [https://www.supplying2nhs.com/procontract/healthservice/supplier.nsf/frm\\_home?openForm](https://www.supplying2nhs.com/procontract/healthservice/supplier.nsf/frm_home?openForm)**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****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**

Pathology laboratory provision for hospital generated microbiology services to the West Hertfordshire hospitals NHS Trust, Luton &amp; Dunstable Hospital NHS Trust and the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust.

**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: West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Luton &amp; Dunstable Hospital NHS Trust and the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust.

NUTS code UKH East of England

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

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

#### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust on behalf of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust and itself is advertising for suitably qualified suppliers to provide a clinically led pathology laboratory provision of hospital generated microbiology services as described below.

The pathology laboratory services being procured, which include the other support functions detailed below, are essential to the support of secondary care services. The service to be procured has many cross functionalities with other services who support each other to provide a safe, seamless, effective and efficient service.

Detailed below are the types of services that are integral to providing the current service and which are included in the procurement exercise:

1. Full pathology laboratory service from point of collection of sample to receipt of result by 'requester';
  2. Transport: from Hospital based 'pick-up' points to laboratory;
  3. Consumables provision: for sample collection and microbiology analysis;
  4. Technology & automation – the provider will ensure that best practice is integrated into their organisation and the delivery of this service;
  5. IMT: the provider will be responsible for all connectivity to the three Trusts;
  6. Support using electronic transfer of data will be required to multiple sites and offices;
  7. Quality management system including appropriate accreditation;
  8. Links: for the service to run efficiently and effectively is also dependent upon the links between all parts of the service which need to be maintained as a minimum at current levels.
- Further information is available by way of a memorandum of information (MOI) and a pre-qualification questionnaire.

This procurement is being conducted via a web based e-Tendering system that is accessed from [www.supplying2nhs.com](http://www.supplying2nhs.com) and referenced as DNWC-8S4CYG.

No other means of response will be accepted.

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

85111800 Pathology 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: no

### **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**

Duration in months: 60 (from the award of the contract)

## 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

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

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

Joint and several liability.

#### III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

### 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: As per the PQQ.

#### 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.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Timely completion of the PQQ is a mandatory requirement for organisations to formally express an interest in this procurement.

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

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

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

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

## 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

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**

DNWC-8S4CYG

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

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 23.4.2012 - 17:00

Payable documents: no

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

20.4.2012 - 23:59

**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**

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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**

This is a voluntary and non-mandatory notice for information purposes for a service within the meaning of Article 21 and Annex IIB of Directive 2004/18/EC. As such, the Trust(s) do not intend the procurement to be subject to the full ambit of the Public Contracts Regulations. Candidates wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest through the eTendering portal given below and will then be able to access a memorandum of information (MOI) and a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ), which must be returned in accordance with the instructions and a time and date set out.

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**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

21.3.2012