

United Kingdom-Melrose: Installation services of laboratory equipment

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: NHS Borders

Postal address: Borders General Hospital

Town: Melrose

Postal code: TD6 9BS

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Procurement Department

For the attention of: Shona Hall

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.nhsborders.org.uk/>Address of the buyer profile: http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11162Electronic access to information: www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.ukElectronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk**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:

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Internet address: <http://www.nhsborders.org.uk/>**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

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

Provision of Laboratory Equipment and Associated Services.

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

Supplies

A combination of these

Main site or place of performance: Borders General Hospital.

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

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)

The Authority seeks a service solution providing major analysers and reagents to deliver the large majority of assays for the Area Laboratory Services. The Authority will be seeking bids from suppliers to replace a number of Haematology, Blood Transfusion, Clinical Chemistry and Microbiology Analysers and will include the provision of reagents, consumables and maintenance.

Contract options for consideration will include Capital purchase, reagent rental and managed service agreements. This could be for all or a selection of the equipment and services required. Tenderers will be expected to signify within the PQQ if they will be bidding as a primary contractor or as a third party.

Short-listing will take place throughout the competitive tender process with the first cut taking place after receipt of the pre-qualification questionnaires from potential providers. The Board also reserves the right to eliminate potential providers throughout the tender phase.

The contract duration will be for a period of seven (7) years with an option to extend in mutually agreed periods to a maximum of 7 years.

The anticipated annual value of the contract will be up to 800 000 GBP.

Note: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=300956.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

51430000 Installation services of laboratory equipment, 42931100 Laboratory centrifuges and accessories, 38434000 Analysers, 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: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

NHS Borders serves a population of one hundred and forty thousand (140 000) and employs a staff around four thousand (4 000). It is responsible for the management of one (1) acute, four (4) community hospitals and fifty six (56) health centres. NHS Borders covers a wide geographic area from West Linton and Peebles in the north to Jedburgh and Eyemouth in the south: the area extends westwards almost to Carlisle. NHS Borders's laboratory services provide sample testing and provision of results for all of the above facilities.

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The table below provides an indication of the number of tests performed on the laboratory site, based on 2012-2013 figures. The service solution will be required to have both the initial capability and the flexibility to handle this workload and the 6 % per annum expected volume increases over the term of the contract.

Clinical Biochemistry 1 184 390 tests

Haematology 188 809 request items

Blood Transfusion 10 398 samples

Microbiology 106 000 samples

Comprehensive details of current test workload are available within the tender document.

Contract options for consideration will include Capital purchase, reagent rental and managed service agreements. This could be for all or a selection of the equipment and services required. Estimated value excluding VAT: 5 600 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

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

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: Contract options for consideration will include Capital purchase, reagent rental and managed service agreements. This could be for all or a selection of the equipment and services required.

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: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

A Pre-qualification Questionnaire is issued with this notice to all economic operators which set out the requirements and information to be provided in relation to the personal situation of economic operators.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is issued with this notice to all economic operators to respond within the time limits set out detailing the requirements and information to be provided in relation to the economic and financial of economic operators. The minimum standard for economic and financial capacity which will be applied by the Board as detailed in this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See PQQ.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is issued with this notice to all economic operators to respond within the time limit detailing the requirements and information to be provided in relation to the technical capacity of economic operators.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See PQQ.

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

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 minimum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: PPQ form attached.

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

0414/1

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2014/S 13-018282](#) of 18.1.2014

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: 8.5.2014

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

12.5.2014 - 12:00

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

26.5.2014

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

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

The PPQ and criteria is attached.

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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 Board will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection notification has previously been made) applied to be selected to tender, of its decision to award the contract which notification will contain among other information, a summary of the reasons why the economic operator was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which the Board despatches the notice and the date on which the Board

proposed to make an award pursuant to this procurement. The bringing of court proceedings against the Board during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the contract until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the contract has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the contract to the winning tenderer. The bringing of court proceedings against the Board after the contract has been entered into will not affect the contract unless grounds for the imposition of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 can be established. Otherwise the remedies that may be awarded by the courts where the contract has been entered into are limited to the award of damages. Economic operators are entitled to write to the Board after receipt of the notification should they require further clarification. The Board will respond within 15 days of such a written request, but it should be noted that receipt by the Board of such request during the standstill period may not prevent the Board from awarding the contract following the expiry of the standstill period. Where an economic operator is dissatisfied with the Board's response to its request for clarification, or considers that the contract has been concluded in breach of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012, such economic operator is advised to promptly seek independent legal advice.

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

10.4.2014