

United Kingdom-Stirling: Laboratory services

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Contract notice**Services****Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Forth Valley NHS

Postal address: Trust Headquarters, Carseview Castle Business Park

Town: Stirling

Postal code: FK9 4SW

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Robert Jarvis

Telephone: +44 1786463031

Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.nhsforthvalley.com>Address of the buyer profile: http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00067**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**

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

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

NHS Forth Valley Managed Laboratory Service Contract.

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

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: The provision of Managed Laboratory Services for Haematology, Chemistry and Transfusion Tests Forth Valley Hospital.

NUTS code UKM Scotland

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 managed service solution to their requirement for the large majority of core, automated, assays for Haematology, Clinical Chemistry and Blood Transfusion Laboratory Services in NHS Forth Valley. The successful supplier will be expected to assume responsibility for the guaranteed availability of the managed service solution through the provision and management (including maintenance) of all requisite analysers/instruments, and associated reagents/ products. Training of staff will also be required.

The laboratories at which the managed services are to be provided are located on one site, at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert.

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=272573

The awarding authority has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via a 'Tender Submission Postbox' facility. Further details of this facility are available at http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/PostBox/Postbox_Explain.aspx?ID=272573

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. The postbox closes precisely at the time stated.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

71900000 Laboratory services, 50400000 Repair and maintenance services of medical and precision equipment, 50412000 Repair and maintenance services of testing apparatus, 50413000 Repair and maintenance services of checking apparatus, 50430000 Repair and maintenance services of precision equipment, 51430000 Installation services of laboratory equipment

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

Excluding VAT 7,500,000 over 7 years GBP.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: Description of these options: Services are required for a period of 7 years.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Duration in months: 84 (from the award of the contract)

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

Unless otherwise stated in the contract, payment will be made, by BACS (Bank Automated Clearing System), if the Authority so chooses, within 30 days of receipt and agreement of invoices, submitted monthly in arrears, for services delivered to the satisfaction of the Authority. Further details will be included within the contract terms and conditions included with the Invitation to Tender.

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

Prime Contractor.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

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 pre-qualification questionnaire will be issued to all economic operators that respond within the time limit set out at section IV.3.4 detailing 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 will be issued to all economic operators that respond within the time limit set out at section IV.3.4 detailing the requirements and information to be provided in relation to the economic and financial capacity of economic operators.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

A pre-qualification questionnaire will be issued to all economic operators that respond within the time limit set out at section IV.3.4 detailing the requirements and information to be provided in relation to the technical capacity of economic operators.

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 number of candidates: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The economic operators who have the top 5 scores after evaluation of their responses to the pre-qualification questionnaire issued in accordance with section III.2 will be invited to tender unless two or more economic operators score the same fifth highest score in which event all such economic operators will be invited to tender.

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

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

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: 19.8.2013

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

26.8.2013 - 14:00

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

12.9.2013

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

Economic operators wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest through the Public Contracts Scotland Website (www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk) and click the link to register.

Once responses to the pre-qualification questionnaire have been received and evaluated, an invitation to tender will be issued to shortlisted economic operators.

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: NHS Forth Valley

Postal address: Carseview House, Castle Business Park

Town: Stirling

Postal code: FK9 4SW

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Authority 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 Authority despatches the notice and the date on which the Authority proposes to make an award pursuant to this procurement. The bringing of court proceedings against the Authority 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 Authority 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 Authority after receipt of the notification should they require further clarification. The Authority will respond within 15 days of such a written request, but it should be noted that receipt by the Authority will respond within 15 days of such a written request, but it should be noted that receipt by the Authority of such request during the standstill period may not prevent the Authority from awarding the contract following the expiry of the standstill period. Where an economic operator is dissatisfied with the Authority'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 promptly to 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

23.7.2013