

United Kingdom-Lerwick: Laboratory services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

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Address of the buyer profile: http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00401
Electronic access to information: www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk
Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from:

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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

Managed laboratory services contract.

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: Scotland.

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 requires to appoint a contractor to act as a prime contractor for the provision of fully managed laboratory services at the Gilbert Bain Hospital in Lerwick, Shetland and the Balfour Hospital in Kirkwall, Orkney, that meets the service aim of a economically advantageous, high quality innovative and progressive diagnostic laboratory service.

The Gilbert Bain laboratory is severely constrained by its small floor area and an innovative solution is being sought that makes best use of technology and equipment that allows the service to be delivered from a limited footprint.

The Balfour laboratory is more spacious but the hospital is likely to be rebuilt at a new site — work is planned to commence 2016 for completion in 2018. Both Boards own all of their analytical equipment used within the two laboratories. The majority of these items are becoming aged and are due for replacement.

The system and associated services will include enabling work, the provision, commissioning, on-going support and maintenance of equipment, associated IT connectivity, the supply of consumables and associated items, and necessary training of the Authority's staff. Others elements may include, but are not limited to, inventory management, temperature mapping and monitoring systems.

The requirements for this contract have been split into 2 lots — a) Blood Sciences (clinical chemistry, immunoassay, haematology, coagulation, hospital based point of care (POCT) and infectious disease serology) and b) Microbiology.

Although the initial managed service contract solution required is in respect of the above areas, it is anticipated that, in the future, the scope of the managed service contract may be extended during the course of the contract period to include, without limitation, POCT to general practitioners and transfusion medicine.

Tenderers will be expected to signify within the PQQ if they will be bidding as a primary contractor or as a third party.

Proposals for the optimal staff complement to operate the suggested solution, based on operational opening times for the laboratory, should be included as part of the tender response. Short-listing will take place throughout this competitive tender process with the first cut taking place after receipt of the pre-qualification questionnaires from potential providers. The Authority also reserves the right to eliminate potential providers throughout the dialogue phase. The contract length will be for seven (7) years with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years and is anticipated to have annual value of up to GBP 600 000.

The Authority is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender and the Authority shall be free to abandon the procurement process pursuant to which this invitation to tender is issued at any time.

All bidders responding to an Invitation to Tender do so at their own cost and expense and no reimbursement shall be made by the Boards whether or not an award of contract is made.

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II.1.6. CPV code(s)

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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

Estimated annual value range: GBP 350 000 - 600 000 pa.

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: Renewal of contract.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:
in months: 84 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 1

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

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

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

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Blood sciences

1) Short description

Biochemistry, haematology, immunoassay, coagulation, infectious disease serology.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

600,000 samples pa.

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Routine microbiology

1) Short description

Routine diagnostic microbiology — micro and culture inc. blood culture.

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

10,000 pa.

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

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: 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

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) is issued 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 capacity of operators.

The minimum standard for economic and financial capacity which will be applied by the Authority is detailed in this PQQ.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

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

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

Notice on a buyer profile

Notice number in the OJ S: [2014/S 186-328176](#) of 27.9.2014

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

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

22.12.2014 - 12:00

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

5.1.2015

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 successful contractor will be responsible for purchasing equipment currently in use by the Authority in the laboratory and, to the extent of such equipment is not incorporated into the

new solution as part of the managed service contract, removing and disposal of such equipment.

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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 notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no de-selection 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

19.11.2014