

United Kingdom-Edinburgh: Blood analysers
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Lothian NHS Board

Postal address: Procurement Headquarters, NHS-Lothian Pentland House 47 Robb's Loan

Town: Edinburgh

Postal code: EH14 1TY

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Procurement

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile: http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00326

Electronic access to information: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <http://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:

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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

NHS-Lothian Provision of Blood Gas Analysers Managed Service.

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: Edinburgh and Lothians Area.

NUTS code UKM25 Edinburgh

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 to enable the delivery of blood gas analysis. The successful bidder 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. There are currently twenty five (25) analysers in use throughout NHS Lothian's area of responsibility at Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Western General Hospital, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, St John's Hospital, Livingstone and Roodlands Hospital, Haddington.

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=288391.

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)

38434520 Blood analysers

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 Lothian seeks a managed service solution to their requirement for blood gas analysis in both Laboratory and Point of Care Testing locations. 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 analysers / instruments and associated reagents/products.

Blood gas services are currently provided on five hospital sites: The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE); the Western General Hospital (WGH); St. John's Hospital at Howden; the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (RHSC) and Roodlands Hospital in Haddington. It is anticipated that clinical and laboratory services at the RHSC will relocate to the RIE campus in 2017.

Overall there are there are twenty one locations in NHS Lothian providing blood gas analysis and in eighteen of these, analysers are used for Point of Care Testing by non laboratory staff. In excess of 170 000 blood gas profiles, including H⁺, pO₂, pCO₂, Na, K,

Cl, Ca, Co-ox, Glucose and Lactate are provided annually.

It is essential that Instrumentation is standardised wherever possible and is simple to operate with a common user interface regardless of the local test repertoire. Ideally analysers should be cassette based with a minimum footprint.

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

Duration in months: 60 (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

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: As per PQQ.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: As Per PQQ.

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

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

As per PQQ.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

As per 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 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.

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

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

3.2.2014 - 12:00

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

17.2.2014

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

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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Lothian Health Board

Postal address: Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place

Town: Edinburgh

Postal code: EH1 3EG

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 conclude the relevant contract. 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 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 2006, 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

27.12.2013