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**United Kingdom-Stoke-on-Trent: Miscellaneous health services
2018/S 193-436725**

Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU
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United Kingdom
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NUTS code: UKD

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Blackburn with Darwen CCG
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Blackburn
BB1 2FD
United Kingdom
Contact person: Rachel Roocroft
E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net
NUTS code: UKD41

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.blackburnwithdarwenccg.nhs.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile: <http://www.blackburnwithdarwenccg.nhs.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS East Lancashire CCG
<https://eastlancscgg.nhs.uk/>
Nelson
BB9 8AS
United Kingdom
Contact person: Rachel Roocroft
E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net
NUTS code: UKD46

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://eastlancscgg.nhs.uk/>
Address of the buyer profile: <https://eastlancscgg.nhs.uk/>

- I.1) **Name and addresses**
NHS Blackpool CCG
<http://blackpoolccg.nhs.uk/>
Blackpool
FY1 6JX
United Kingdom
Contact person: Rachel Roocroft
E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net
NUTS code: UKD42

Internet address(es):
Main address: <http://blackpoolccg.nhs.uk/>
Address of the buyer profile: <http://blackpoolccg.nhs.uk/>

- I.1) **Name and addresses**
NHS Fylde and Wyre CCG
<http://www.fyldeandwyreccg.nhs.uk/>
Wesham
PR4 3AL
United Kingdom
Contact person: Rachel Roocroft
E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net
NUTS code: UKD44

Internet address(es):
Main address: <http://www.fyldeandwyreccg.nhs.uk/>
Address of the buyer profile: <http://www.fyldeandwyreccg.nhs.uk/>

- I.1) **Name and addresses**
NHS Morecambe Bay CCG
<https://www.morecambebayccg.nhs.uk/>
Lancaster
LA1 1QD
United Kingdom
Contact person: Rachel Roocroft
E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net
NUTS code: UKD44

Internet address(es):
Main address: <https://www.morecambebayccg.nhs.uk/>
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.morecambebayccg.nhs.uk/>

- I.1) **Name and addresses**
NHS West Lancashire CCG
Hilldale, Wigan Road
Ormskirk
L39 2JW
United Kingdom
Contact person: Rachel Roocroft

E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net

NUTS code: UKD4

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk>

I.1) **Name and addresses**

NHS Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group
Chorley House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland
Preston

PR26 6TT

United Kingdom

Contact person: Rachel Roocroft

Telephone: +44 1772214209

E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net

NUTS code: UKD45

Internet address(es):

Main address: <http://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk>

I.1) **Name and addresses**

NHS Chorley & South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group
Leyland, Preston

PR26 6TT

United Kingdom

Contact person: Rachel Roocroft

E-mail: mlcsu.tenders@nhs.net

NUTS code: UKD47

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.chorleysouthribbleccg.nhs.uk/>

I.2) **Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

I.5) **Main activity**

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

Pan Lancashire and South Cumbria Audiology Services AQP Plus

Reference number: L-18-07

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

85140000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

Pan Lancashire Audiology Services are to provide an innovative and comprehensive patient-centred integrated hearing service across Lancashire and South Cumbria area for non-complex audiology (50 plus years) within community based settings under an AQP Plus framework. The CCGs are managing this procurement in accordance with the light touch regime of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "regulations"). The CCGs have developed an AQP Plus scheme that resembles an AQP scheme developed by the department of health however has been adapted and designed to meet the CCGs needs in line with the light touch regime of the Regulations.

Neither the publication of this notice nor the employment of any particular terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the CCGs intend to hold themselves bound by any of the Regulations save those applicable to the procurement of light touch regime services.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 10 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

85000000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKD4

Main site or place of performance:

Area covered by GP services registered to the CCGs indicated in the ITT but generally covering Lancashire and South Cumbria.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

The service will include provision of hearing aids for age related hearing loss (patients aged 50 years and over) in line with national guidance and local requirements for the registered population of the NHS commissioning organisations. The vision is for people with age related hearing loss to receive high quality, efficient services delivered closer to home, with short waiting times. The service must deliver patient focused outcomes in response to the needs of individual patients/families/carers in the community where they live and which is free of charge at the point of care.

The CCGs are looking to award the service to providers that meet the Any qualified provider Plus standards. Activity will be paid on a cost per case basis at a local tariff rate (to be published in the specification). There will be no guarantees of volume or payment in the contracts awarded.

The contract duration will be for a period of 3 years with a possible extension of 2 further years.

This procurement is for clinical services which are subject to the light-touch regime for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations ("Regulations"). Accordingly, the Contracting Authorities are only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. Applicants are also invited to confirm as part of the tender which CCG areas of Lancashire and South Cumbria they wish to deliver the service from.

The estimated value of the contract will be 3 000 000 GBP a year inclusive of VAT. VAT will not be chargeable to the commissioner and the individual Provider will be responsible for any VAT incurred.

- II.2.5) **Award criteria**
Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents
- II.2.6) **Estimated value**
Value excluding VAT: 10 000 000.00 GBP
- II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**
Duration in months: 36
This contract is subject to renewal: yes
Description of renewals:
There will be a possible extension of 2 further years
- II.2.10) **Information about variants**
Variants will be accepted: no
- II.2.11) **Information about options**
Options: no
- II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**
- II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**
The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no
- II.2.14) **Additional information**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

- III.1) **Conditions for participation**
- III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
List and brief description of conditions:
Selection Criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**
- III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**
- III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1) **Description**
- IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**
Open procedure
- IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**
- IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**
- IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 02/11/2018

Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 02/11/2018

Local time: 12:01

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

VI.3) Additional information:

The procurement will be for social and other specific services which are light touch regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations ("Regulations") <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/schedule/3/made>

Accordingly, the Contracting Authority is only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/part/2/chapter/3/made> The Contracting Authority is not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

The procedure which the Contracting Authority is following is set out in the procurement documents.

As the CCGs are a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (procurement, patient choice and competition) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

Right to cancel: the Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary.

The Contracting Authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed.

All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency: the Contracting Authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR.

In addition, and in accordance with the UK government's policies on transparency, the Contracting Authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act. If and when this requirement is offered to tender, this will be done via electronic means using the internet. Midlands and Lancashire CSU is conducting this procurement exercise as a central purchasing body for another NHS body with whom the successful bidder(s) will enter into contracts for the supply of the services.

Any other public-sector body detailed within this notice, wishing to access the contract may do so only with permission from the contracting NHS body.

Further details will be made available via documentation and information released during the tender process.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

NHS Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group
Blackburn
United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

01/10/2018