

Prior information notice

Directive 2014/24/EU / Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012:	Directive 2014/24/EU
Interested operators must inform the contracting authority of their interest in the contract(s). The contract(s) will be awarded without publication of a further call for competition.:	This notice is for prior information only
Section I: Contracting authority	
I.1) Name and addresses (please identify all contracting authorities responsible for the procedure)	
Official name:	Arden & GEM CSU
National registration number:	
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Town:	Derby
NUTS code:	UK
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Country:	United Kingdom
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Internet address(es)	
Main address: (URL)	https://ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/
Address of the buyer profile: (URL)	
Name and addresses: (please repeat as many times as needed)	
I.2) Joint procurement	
The contract involves joint procurement:	
In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law:	
The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body	
I.3) Communication	
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URL:	
Additional information can be obtained from:	the abovementioned address
Official name:	
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Main address: (URL)	
Address of the buyer profile: (URL)	
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via:	
URL	
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Official name:	

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Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: (URL)	https://ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/
I.4) Type of the contracting authority:	Body governed by public law
Other type:	
I.5) Main activity:	Health
Other activity:	
Section II: Object	1
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Before completing the Section you must first save the Notice, then complete the Section details and save the Section	
II.1) Scope of the procurement	
II.1.1) Title:	Procurement – Provision of Laboratory services to support the delivery of the HPV primary screening pathway within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme
Reference number:	
II.1.2) Main CPV code:	85000000
II.1.3) Type of contract:	Services
II.1.4) Short description:	<p>NHS AG CSU on behalf of NHS England (the Commissioner) invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified healthcare service providers to provide laboratory services to support the delivery of the HPV primary screening pathway within the NHS Cervical Cancer Screening Programme (NHSCSP). Interested parties are advised to obtain further information regarding this procurement by visiting 'Contracts Finder' web portal or by visiting the AG CSU's e-procurement web portal known as Bravo.</p> <p>Note; An expression of interest in response to this prior information notice (PIN) will not automatically entitle your organisation's involvement in any future procurement exercise that may take place in connection with this PIN. Any procurement conducted as a result of this notice will be advertised as an 'Invitation To Tender (ITT)' separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the ITT as and when it is published.</p>
II.1.5) Estimated total value	

Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of the framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system):	
Currency:	
II.1.6) Information about lots:	
This contract is divided into lots:	yes
Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer:	
The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:	
II.2) Description	
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II.2.1) Title:	Procurement for the Provision of Laboratory services to support the delivery of the HPV primary screening pathway within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme
Lot No:	1
II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s):	85000000
II.2.3) Place of performance	
NUTS code:	UK
Main site or place of performance:	
II.2.4) Description of the procurement: (nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)	<p>The service provision will cater for eligible women within the age range of 25 to 64 years. Albeit limited in number, the service provision, will also cover some women aged 24 and half as well as that over 65 years of age.</p> <p>For this service provision the Commissioner would like to encourage bids which will deliver value for money and safe and effective laboratory services for eligible women within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme. The service providers will be required to deliver an outcome based high quality service to include provision of the below listed services and the required coordination to deliver these;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Cervical screening laboratory services 2 Management and provision of the equipment and consumables required to deliver laboratory services to support the delivery of the HPV primary screening pathway within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, and ensure that this follows NHS Cervical Screening Programme Guidelines and recommendations from Public Health England. 3 Management of the training and development programmes and processes for all relevant sample takers within the service, ensuring the appropriate skills are maintained to deliver this aspect of the NHS CSP. 4 Management of all aspects of transport and logistics in relation to the delivery and appropriate storage of samples received from Primary Care organisations, including hospitals, general practices, CASH, GUM and colposcopy clinics within a defined footprint. 5 Accountability for the safe and coherent delivery of the Provider(s) part of the screening pathway whilst ensuring seamless links with other parts of the screening pathway in accordance with the National Service Specification 6 Working with NHS England to support the development and maintenance of an accurate sample taker database. 7 Compliance with all elements of the service specification and national standards. <p>The commissioners would like to encourage innovation and use of technology within service delivery. They are seeking solutions which put eligible women at the centre for this service provision, with the following aims;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist in delivering a high quality NHS Cervical Cancer Screening Programme which is flexible and meets the varying needs of the eligible women. 2. Find a provider who is able to work effectively and in partnership with the commissioner(s). 3. Establish contracts for services that have been market tested to represent best clinical quality. <p>In order to achieve above aims and objectives the successful bidders should pay attention to following facets;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. quality 2. value for money 3. integration of service 4. sustainability 5. continuous Improvement 6. patient experience <p>The providers will be required to establish and maintain best practices and use them for continuous service improvement during the term of the contract. The providers will also need to adopt applicable national guidance.</p> <p>It is expected that the procurement opportunity will be advertised in November 18.</p> <p>Contract commencement;</p> <p>As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with the successful Bidder(s) for a period of 5 years with the Commissioner having the option to extend the Contract once for a further 2 years.</p> <p>It is anticipated that contracts resultant from this procurement will commence from 1st July 2019 with a view that laboratory service providers will ensure full geographical coverage of HPV primary screening within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme is achieved by December 2019. However, successful Provider(s) will have the opportunity to mobilise services from the date of contract award with full geographical coverage of HPV primary screening within the NHS Cervical Screening Programme required across the eligible population within each Lot by December 2019.</p>
II.2.14) Additional information:	<p>Contract duration: 5 years + (one 2 years extension possible subject to annual reviews) = 7 years</p> <p>Contract value:</p> <p>The Commissioner(s) are commissioning the service for the first time. As a result, for now the Commissioners are not able to confirm the annual agreement value for the service provision resultant of this procurement.</p>
II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s):	
II.2.3) Place of performance	
NUTS code:	

Main site or place of performance:		
II.2.4) Description of the procurement: (nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements):		
II.2.14) Additional information:		
II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice: (dd/mm/yyyy)	07/11/2018	
Section II: Object		
II.1) Scope of the procurement		
II.1.1) Title:		
Reference number:		
II.1.2) Main CPV code:		
II.1.3) Type of contract:		
II.1.4) Short description:		
II.1.5) Estimated total value		
Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of the framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system)		
Currency:		
II.1.6) Information about lots		
This contract is divided into lots:		
Tenders may be submitted for:		
maximum number of lots:		
Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer:		
The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:		
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Main site or place of performance:		
II.2.4) Description of the procurement: (nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)		
II.2.5) Award criteria:		
	Name	Weighting
Cost criterion Price:		
	Name	Weighting
Weighting		
II.2.6) Estimated value		
Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of this lot)		
Currency:		
II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system:		

Duration in months or Duration in days:	
Start: (dd/mm/yyyy) /	
End: (dd/mm/yyyy):	
End: (dd/mm/yyyy):	
This contract is subject to renewal	
Description of renewals:	
II.2.10) Information about variants	
Variants will be accepted	
II.2.11) Information about options	
Options	
Description of options:	
II.2.13) Information about European Union funds	
The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:	
Identification of the project:	
II.2.14) Additional information:	
II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
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:	
III.1.2) Economic and financial standing	
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents	
List and brief description of selection criteria:	
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:	
III.1.3) Technical and professional ability	
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents	
List and brief description of selection criteria:	
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:	
III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts	
The contract is reserved to sheltered workshops and economic operators aiming at the social and professional integration of disabled or disadvantaged persons	
The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes	
III.2) Conditions related to the contract	
III.2.1) Information about a particular profession (only for service contracts)	
Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession	
Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:	
III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:	
III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract	
Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract	
Section IV: Procedure	
IV.1) Description	
IV.1.1) Type of procedure:	
IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system	

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement:	
Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement:	
In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:	
The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system	
The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers	
IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction	
An electronic auction will be used	
Additional information about electronic auction:	
IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)	
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement:	no
IV.2) Administrative information	
IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Local time: (hh:mm)	
IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:	
IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Section VI: Complementary information	
VI.2) Information about electronic workflows	
Electronic ordering will be used	
Electronic invoicing will be accepted	
Electronic payment will be used	
VI.3) Additional information:	<p>The procurement relating to this PIN notice will be advertised on Contracts Finder (https://online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/) and administered/conducted via the AG CSU's e-Tendering portal known as Bravo solutions.</p> <p>Providers wishing to be considered for this opportunity must register with Bravo solutions by visiting following web link: https://ardengemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html. Full details regarding this procurement opportunity will be available there.</p> <p>Once registered, providers must express their interest by taking following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in within the portal with the username/password, 2. Click on 'View Current Opportunities' sections. 3. Find appropriate project and click on it 4. Then click on the 'register your interest' button. <p>Award criteria: The most economically advantageous tender derived using the criteria stated in the specifications of the Invitation to Tender (ITT).</p> <p>Additional Information:</p> <p><i>if</i> An expression of interest in response to this prior information notice (PIN) will not automatically entitle your organisation's involvement in any future procurement exercise. Any procurement conducted as a result of this notice will be advertised as an ' Invitation To Tender (ITT)' separately and all organisations wanting to participate will need to respond to the ITT as and when it is published.</p> <p><i>if</i> The contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system for this procurement exercise and reserves the right to use a reverse auction.</p> <p><i>if</i> Variants will not be accepted by AG CSU.</p> <p><i>if</i> Tenders and all supporting information must be priced in sterling and completed in English (or full translation provided at no cost).</p> <p><i>if</i> Any contract entered into, be considered a contract made in England in accordance with English Law and which shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.</p> <p><i>if</i> AG CSU or the contracting Authority participating within this procurement exercise shall not be liable for any costs by those expressing an interest or concern for this contract opportunity.</p> <p><i>if</i> NHS England and AG CSU reserve the right at all times acting in their absolute discretion, not to award a contract, to make changes to the structure, format, procedures, CPV codes and timing of the procurement process and to cancel or vary the process in its entirety or any part of it.</p>
VI.4) Procedures for review	
VI.4.1) Review body	
Official name:	

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures	
Official name:	
Postal address:	
Town:	
Postal code:	
Country:	
Telephone: e.g. +44 12345678; +44 12345678-0001; +44 12345678/79/80; +44 12345678/+44 987654321:	
E-mail:	
Fax:	
Internet address: (URL)	
VI.4.3) Review procedure	
Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:	
VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained	
Official name:	
Postal address:	
Town:	
Postal code:	
Country:	
Telephone: e.g. +44 12345678; +44 12345678-0001; +44 12345678/79/80; +44 12345678/+44 987654321:	
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Fax:	
Internet address: (URL)	
VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice: (dd/mm/yyyy)	