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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Personal care products  
2017/S 193-395401**

**Prior information notice**

**This notice aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders**

**Supplies**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.2) Joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

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

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

National or federal agency/office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title:**

Fixation Pants.

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

33700000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

The Framework Agreement is for the supply of Fixation Pants, it is anticipated that Applicants will be awarded to the Framework Agreement after meeting or exceeding a set hurdle. Applicants will then participate in an eAuction to determine the Supplier who will have the opportunity to sole supply a commitment volume through the NHS Supply Chain eCatalogue for a period of 12-18 months. After this period subsequent NHS Supply Chain reserve the right to re-open competition to establish further periods of committed Sole Supply.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 7 200 000.00 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)**

33141621  
33000000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

This procurement is for the Basic range of Fixation Pants both 'with legs' products and 'without legs' products. Sizes will range from Small through to Triple Extra Large. 'Basic' products are described as basic, standard, mesh-like, or acute use and are suitable for washing and re-use up to 30 times. Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 1 800 000 GBP in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 7 200 000.00 GBP

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for 24 months.

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**

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II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

15/01/2018

**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**

III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**

III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**

III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**

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.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

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.2.5) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures:**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and Applicants will be required to include evidence of this with their tender submission.

— ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the Applicant's (and the product's) supply chain. This should include but not be limited to manufacturing storage and distribution. Further information in respect of certification requirements will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. If such certificates are not in the name of the Applicant then the Applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain.

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion. NHS Supply Chain expects to provide successful suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and commitment/bulk buy initiatives. NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase supplies and/or services which it will make available for purchase by 1) any NHS

Trust; 2) any other NHS entity; 3) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain would also like to engage with suppliers of these products via a Request for Information (RFI). If you would like to complete the Request for Information document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement then please follow the below instructions;

#### Registration

1. Use URL <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> to access the NHS Supply Chain Procurement portal.

2. If not yet registered:

— Click on the 'Not Registered Yet' link to access the registration page.

— Complete the registration pages as guided by the mini guide found on the landing page.

#### Portal Access

If registration has been completed:

— Login with URL <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> .

— Click on the 'Applicant Dashboard' icon to open the list of new procurement events.

#### Expression of Interest

— View PIN content by clicking on the 'VIEW NOTICE' button for the procurement event. This opens a PDF document.

— Express an interest by clicking on the 'EXPRESS INTEREST' button.

#### Request for Information Document

— The Request for Information Document will then be sent to you via the Intenda Messaging Centre.

— Applicants will then have 4 weeks from the dispatch of this notice to complete and return the Request for Information document.

The NHS has a procurement strategy, which aims to increase transparency, remove price variations between trusts and to streamline product ranges to avoid proliferation and fragmentation. It is anticipated that such an approach may enable the NHS to meet its efficiency and savings targets. That broad strategy was discussed by Lord Carter in his report of 2016 entitled 'Operational productivity and performance in English NHS acute hospitals: Unwarranted variations' (the 'Report') in which he challenged the NHS to save 700 000 000 GBP through better procurement. The National Contract Price ('NCP') programme has been developed by NHS Improvement with important input being provided by stakeholders such as the Clinical Evaluation Team and NHS Supply Chain in part to deliver the relevant recommendations in the report and to generate savings. One of the aims of the NCP is to standardise the procurement of certain suitable products (and/or categories of products) and to aggregate the demand for such goods.

#### VI.4) **Procedures for review**

##### VI.4.1) **Review body**

Not applicable

Not applicable

United Kingdom

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

Not applicable

Not applicable

United Kingdom

##### 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:**

05/10/2017