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Future opportunity

Nitrous Oxide Destruction/Removal Solutions

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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<https://nhssupplychain.app.iaggaer.com/>

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

Nitrous Oxide Destruction/Removal Solutions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33157000 - Gas-therapy and respiratory devices

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain are publishing this Prior Information Notice (“PIN”) with the intention of engaging the market through the return of the Request for Information (“RFI”) to understand available solutions and innovative products regarding Nitrous Oxide Destruction/Removal.

It is recognised within the NHS that occupational exposure to Nitrous Oxide, through patient use of pain relief methods, can cause health issues for those staff working in that environment. Some NHS environments will predate current design guidance and have insufficient air changes ventilation/scavenging such that occupational time exposure limits could be exceeded.

As such, NHS Supply Chain are seeking innovative option(s) that both reduces occupational exposure whilst ensuring that Nitrous Oxide is not released into the environment due to it being recognised as a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

Through the use of the RFI, potential suppliers will be able to provide detail on their proposed product solution to the issue which will shape the future approach that NHS Supply Chain will take in ensuring that these options are available throughout the NHS.

Current indicative volumes / Contract Values would be unknown as those would be based upon the responses received.

Please note, following the return of the RFI, NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to contact responding suppliers with clarifications that they may have in relation to the proposed product/solution to enable full understanding. Additionally, please note that this PIN is for market engagement purposes only and NHS Supply Chain provides no guarantees via this PIN of any subsequent tendering activity or purchase of any solution offered.

Instructions on how to submit a response to the RFI are listed within the Additional Information section.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 33190000 - Miscellaneous medical devices and products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Supply Chain are undertaking a Request for Information (RFI) process to understand the innovative solutions available within the market in line with the description provided.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that the budget outlined is potential only and will be subject to change in line with the available solutions that are provided for by the market, additionally NHS Supply Chain provides no guarantees of actual spend against any framework agreement as may be awarded following any subsequent procurement activity.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 November 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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.

To review and provide a response to the outlined Request for Information (RFI). Please follow the guidance below:

PORTAL ACCESS

- Login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>
- Click on “SQs Open to All Suppliers” and search for the title of the procurement.

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- The Request for Information Document will be available in the Qualification envelope and attachments tab. The closing date for responses to the RFI will be 16th September 2024.

Please note - although NHS Supply Chain provides no guarantees of any potential future tendering opportunity as part of this PIN process, it may be appropriate for any interested suppliers to be aware of the tendering requirements outlined below which would form a minimum expectation of any tender submission (where relevant to the solution):

- ISO 9001: 2015 accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or equivalent) 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. If Quality Assurance Standard 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.
- Declaration of Conformity and UKCA Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation

2017/745 (where applicable).

- MHRA registration of any medical devices, in compliance with the Medical Devices Regulations 2022 (SI 2022 No 618, as amended) (UK MDR 2022).

NHS Supply Chain will assess the Applicant's economic and financial standing (or that of the entity or entities the Applicant is relying upon). Documentary evidence of this will be required at tender stage.

All Applicants for this future tender must have a compliant Carbon Reduction Plan to be considered for the Framework Agreement (PPN 06/21).

This future Framework Agreement will include some qualitative evaluation questions on Social Value with a minimum weighting of 10% towards the award (PPN 06/20).

All Applicants bidding to be on any NHS Supply Chain Frameworks must submit an Evergreen Assessment as part of the tendering process. This must be completed annually, and the maturity score will be valid for 12 months.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/>

As a minimum (and further requirements may be set out in the tender documents), Applicants are required to have a Modern Slavery Assessment (MSAT) completed within 12 months of the tender close date (PPN 02/23).

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.