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## Contract notice

### Supplies

Directive 2014/24/EU

#### **Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1) **Name and addresses**

Department of Health  
Quarry House, Quarry Hill  
Leeds  
LS2 7UE  
United Kingdom  
Contact person: John Cook  
E-mail: [supplier.helpdesk@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:supplier.helpdesk@dh.gsi.gov.uk)  
NUTS code: UK

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

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: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) **Main activity**

Health

#### **Section II: Object**

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

II.1.1) **Title:**

The Healthy Start Vitamin Scheme Manufacture of Women's and Children's Products  
Reference number: 60354

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33616000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The Healthy Start Scheme provides free vitamins for Healthy Start Recipients. Pregnant women and new mothers can receive free vitamins containing vitamins C, D and Folic acid. Children from birth up to 4 years can receive free vitamins containing vitamins A, C and D.

The Department of Health is going to market for the Re-Procurement of the Healthy Start Vitamin Product Manufacture. The Requirement will be split into 2 separate lots;

Lot 1- Manufacture of Women's Vitamin Products

Lot 2- Manufacture of Children's Vitamin Products

The Storage and Distribution, Order Transaction Processing and Redesign of Artwork Procurement's are all being procured separately at a later date.

Please refer to 'contracts finder' for more details on the link provided below-

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 8 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Manufacture of Women's vitamins

Lot No: 1

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

33616000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

The Secretary of State for Health is obliged to make available free vitamins to eligible recipients. This obligation is discharged by the Department of Health (DH) via the Healthy Start Scheme. Recipients are eligible pregnant women and new mothers who receive vitamins containing vitamins C, D and folic acid and eligible children from birth who receive vitamins containing vitamins A,C and D. DH (via NHS Business Services Authority) sells the vitamins to local authorities and NHS providers in England who then distribute the vitamins to recipients. DH is also procuring this requirement on behalf of NHS Northern Ireland, [and] NHS Scotland [and NHS Wales]. It is possible but it is not guaranteed or represented that DH or NHS Business Services Authority may elect to sell vitamins to non-public sector bodies during the term of the framework agreements.

DH wishes to procure a suitable provider(s) to manufacture these vitamins via two (2) separate lots

DH has allowed for full product testing of the manufactured Products by the supplier(s) in the first year of the Framework Period, during which time no orders for vitamins may be placed by a contracting authority

There will be no separate costs to deliver full Product testing and implementation activities during the first year of the Framework Period. Costs for this activity should be included in the overall pricing for the Product.

The Authority reserves the right to terminate the framework agreement prior to the operational start date if the awarded supplier fails to meet the testing requirements in the first year of the Framework Period.

The form of agreement for each lot is a framework agreement. Orders may last beyond the term of each framework agreement. The Authority does not guarantee, warrant or represent that any Orders will be issued pursuant to either framework agreement.

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: 3 900 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Manufacture of Children's Vitamins

Lot No: 2

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

33616000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

The Secretary of State for Health is obliged to make available free vitamins to eligible recipients. This obligation is discharged by the Department of Health (DH) via the Healthy Start Scheme. Recipients are eligible pregnant women and new mothers who receive vitamins containing vitamins C, D and folic acid and eligible children from birth who receive vitamins containing vitamins A,C and D. DH (via NHS Business Services Authority) sells the vitamins to local authorities and NHS providers in England who then distribute the vitamins to recipients. DH is also procuring this requirement on behalf of NHS Northern Ireland, [and] NHS Scotland [and NHS Wales]. It is possible but it is not guaranteed or represented that DH or NHS Business Services Authority may elect to sell vitamins to non-public sector bodies during the term of the framework agreements.

DH wishes to procure a suitable provider(s) to manufacture these vitamins via two (2) separate lots

DH has allowed for full product testing of the manufactured Products by the supplier(s) in the first year of the Framework Period, during which time no orders for vitamins may be placed by a contracting authority

There will be no separate costs to deliver full Product testing and implementation activities during the first year of the Framework Period. Costs for this activity should be included in the overall pricing for the Product.

The Authority reserves the right to terminate the framework agreement prior to the operational start date if the awarded supplier fails to meet the testing requirements in the first year of the Framework Period.

The form of agreement for each lot is a framework agreement. Orders may last beyond the term of each framework agreement. The Authority does not guarantee, warrant or represent that any Orders will be issued pursuant to either framework agreement.

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: 4 100 000.00 GBP
- II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**  
Duration in months: 60  
This contract is subject to renewal: no
- 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**
- 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.2.2) **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**  
Open procedure
- IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**  
The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement  
Framework agreement with a single operator  
In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years: It is necessary for each framework agreement to have five year terms because the successful supplier(s) will be required to make an upfront initial investment for the purpose of being able to participate in fulfilling orders. Each five year term will comprise one year for testing and implementation during which no call off contracts are permitted, followed by a four year operative period
- 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: 05/07/2017

Local time: 11:00

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: 05/07/2017

Local time: 11:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Participation Instructions:

This procurement exercise will be completed via the DH eTendering portal (BMS) and candidates wishing to be considered for this (or any other) DH contract must submit their response via BMS. The BMS reference number for this exercise is 60354.

Suppliers should visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement> to register and download instructions on how to respond.

If you require assistance, please contact the Supplier Helpdesk on 0113 254 5777 or

[supplier.helpdesk@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:supplier.helpdesk@dh.gsi.gov.uk) This helpdesk is available 10:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays.

Transparency:

Potential Bidders should note that, in accordance with the Government's policies on transparency, the Authority intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT), and any Contract awarded, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Authority. Further information on transparency can be found at the following pages:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/guidance-transparency>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-requirements-for-publishing-on-contracts-finder>

General:

The Authority reserves the right to terminate the procurement process (or part of it), to change the basis of and the procedures for the procurement process at any time, or to procure the subject matter of the contract by alternative means if it appears that it can be more advantageously procured by alternative means.

The most economically advantageous or any tender will not automatically be accepted.

Tenders and all supporting documentation for the contract must be priced in sterling and written in English. Any agreement entered into will be considered a framework contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

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Tenderer must maintain the tender for 90 days from the date stated for receipt of tender.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

The High Court

London

WC2A 2LL

United Kingdom

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

The High Court

London

WC2A 2LL

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:**

01/06/2017