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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Medical consumables
2015/S 153-282161**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal agency/office

I.3) Main activity

Health

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Patient Assessment Devices

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Various locations in UK.

NUTS code UK

- II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**
The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement
- II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**
Framework agreement with several operators
Number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 40
Duration of the framework agreement
Duration in years: 2
Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement
Estimated value excluding VAT:
Range: between 13 722 000 and 15 150 200 GBP
- II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**
Blood Pressure Monitoring Oscopes and Ophthalmoscopes Multi Patient Use Stethoscopes Patient Weighing Scales and Measuring Devices Proctoscopes Rectoscopes Anoscopes and Sigmoidoscopes Dermatoscopes Personal Health Monitors Assessment Lights General Patient Assessment Product General Patient Assessment Consumables and Blood Pressure Cuffs and Accessories.
Precise quantities are unknown. It is expected that initial expenditure will be in the region of 3 430 500 to 3 787 500 GBP in the 1st 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. The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term (including any extension options) are based on that initial expenditure.
Initially a 2 year Framework Agreement with an option to extend by up to a further period of 24 months.
- II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
33140000, 31711400, 33923300, 38311000, 42923000, 42923200, 33166000, 33195000, 33124100, 31521320, 18500000
- II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**
The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes
- II.1.8) Lots**
This contract is divided into lots: yes
Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots
- II.1.9) Information about variants**
Variants will be accepted: yes
- II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**
- II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:**
This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the range of 3 430 500 and 3 787 500 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.
The estimated value of the purchases throughout the term (including the extension option described at section II.2.
.2) of the framework agreement will be in the range of 13 722 000 and 15 150 200 GBP. The actual value of the framework agreement may be less than or exceed the estimated value dependent upon the requirements of those bodies eligible to purchase from the framework throughout the duration. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information with a forecasted level of growth. The values provided are for guidance only and are not a guarantee of business.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 13 722 000 and 15 150 200 GBP

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend for up to a further period of 24 months in addition to the initial two year period upon review.

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Blood Pressure Monitoring

1) **Short description**

Central Blood Pressure Monitors, Auscultatory Blood Pressure Measure without Mercury, Ankle Brachial Index monitor, Sphygmomanometers/ Blood Pressure Monitors.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 31711400

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 550 000 and 605 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 2 200 000 and 2 420 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Blue Diamond price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 2 200 000 and 2 420 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code UK

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Lot No: 2

Lot title: Oscopes and Ophthalmoscopes

1) **Short description**

Oscopes, Ophthalmoscopes, Retinoscopes and Sets.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 660 000 and 726 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 2 640 000 and 2 904 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Stock price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 2 640 000 and 2 904 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code UK

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Lot No: 3

Lot title: Multi Patient Use Stethoscopes

1) **Short description**

Otosopes, Ophthalmoscopes, Retinoscopes and Sets.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 340 000 and 374 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 1 360 000 and 1 496 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Stock price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 360 000 and 1 496 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code UK
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Lot No: 4

Lot title: Patient Weighing Scales and Measuring Devices

1) **Short description**

Medical Personal Scales, Bed Scale, Baby, Wheelchair, Weigh Beams, Hand Rail Scale, Dual/Remote Display, Chair, Column, Floor, Bariatric, Portable, Multifunctional, Body Composition Analyzers, BMI Calculator scale, Top Pan Scales, Mortuary Scales, for Weighing Organs, Swabs and/ Nappies.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 33923300, 38311000, 42923000, 42923200

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 675 000 and 742 500 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 2 700 000 and 2 970 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the E-Direct price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 2 700 000 and 2 970 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code UK

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Proctoscopes, Rectoscopes, Anoscopes and Sigmoidoscopes

1) **Short description**

Disposable Proctoscopes, Disposable Anoscopes, and Disposable Sigmoidoscopes including sterile and non-sterile, lubricated and non-lubricated, with and without filters, self/ non self-illuminating.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 465 000 and 511 500 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 1 860 000 and 2 046 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Stock price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 860 000 and 2 046 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code UK

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Dermatoscopes

1) **Short description**

Dermatoscopes for skin assessment.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 33166000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 100 000 and 120 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 400 000 and 480 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Blue Diamond price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 400 000 and 480 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code UK

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Personal Health Monitors

1) **Short description**

Pedometer, Activity wristbands, Calorie Monitor, Sleep Tracker, Portable Electrocardiograph, BMI Calculator, Pulse Stress Monitor and Portable Heart Rate Monitor.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 33195000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 60 000 and 66 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 240 000 and 264 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Blue Diamond price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 240 000 and 264 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code UK

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Assessment Lights

1) **Short description**

Pedometer, Activity wristbands, Calorie Monitor, Sleep Tracker, Portable Electrocardiograph, BMI Calculator, Pulse Stress Monitor and Portable Heart Rate Monitor.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 40 000 and 50 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 160 000 and 200 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Blue Diamond price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. . More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 160 000 and 200 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code UK

Lot No: 9

Lot title: General Patient Assessment Products

1) **Short description**

Ear Irrigator, Tip, Cleaning Tablets and Accessories, Pinard Foetal Stethoscope, Fob Watches, Skin Fold Calipers, Disposable Fiber Optic Tongue Depressor, Pocket Diagnostic Lights, Tongue Blade Holder and Head.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 33124100, 18500000

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 120 000 and 130 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 480 000 and 520 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Blue Diamond price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 480 000 and 520 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code UK

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Lot No: 10

Lot title: General Patient Assessment Consumables

1) **Short description**

Disposable/ Single Patient Use Stethoscope, Reflex Hammer, Tongue Depressor, Pen Torch Disposable and Reusable, Reusable Tourniquet, Tuning Fork and Nasal Clip.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 31521320

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 355 000 and 390 500 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 1 420 000 and 1 562 000 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Stock price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain will hold an e-auction and will award the Framework Agreement to the 3 top ranking Applicants for each product line following the e-auction should there be 3 suitable Applicants per product line. Each Applicant's score and rank will be calculated as described in the Invitation to Tender. Applicants may tender for one more than one or all the products contained within this Lot and the product lines within this Lot will be awarded on a line by line basis. During the term of the Framework Agreement NHS Supply Chain intends to purchase each product line listed under Lot 10 solely from the cheapest of the 3 suppliers which are awarded to supply that line for a period of 2 years (and such further period as it may choose up to the entire term of the Framework Agreement).

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 420 000 and 1 562 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code UK

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Lot No: 11

Lot title: Blood Pressure Cuffs and Accessories

1) **Short description**

Blood Pressure Cuffs and Accessories.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33140000, 31711400

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of between 65 500 and 72 050 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

In addition to including the first year values above the estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is 262 000 and 288 200 GBP.

For the purpose of evaluation the Blue Diamond price will be used.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates that Applicants whose total overall score meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % when rounded off (either up or down) to the nearest whole number will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the evaluation process. More than one Applicant may be appointed across each of the product lines within this Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the product line items across this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 262 000 and 288 200 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code UK

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

Parent company or other guarantees may be required in certain circumstances. Further details will be in the tender documents.

- III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**
'Please see tender documents.'
- III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**
The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require groupings of entities to take a particular form or to require one party to undertake primary legal liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.
- III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**
The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes
Description of particular conditions: The Framework Agreement includes obligations with respect to environmental issues and a requirement for successful suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct.
- III.2) **Conditions for participation**
- III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND PROCUREMENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION:
This procurement exercise will be conducted on the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal at <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>
Candidates wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest and provide additional procurement-specific information (if required) through the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal as follows:
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 “Supplier Dashboard” icon to open the list of new procurement events.
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
— View Contract Notice 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.
— To start the response process after the expression of interest has been done select the “My Active Opportunities” option and click on the “Apply” button.
— Select the procurement event from the list by clicking on the description
— In the detail view click on the orange coloured “Framework Agreement” button to start responding to the tender.
TENDER RESPONSE
Tasks to complete on system:
HEADER LEVEL
1.

Read Framework Header documents. These are the documents provided by NHS Supply Chain that must be read by all Applicants. Access these by clicking on the “NHS SC HEADER DOCUMENTS” button found in the “SELECT FRAMEWORK” tab.

2.

Upload Header documents. These are the documents the Applicant must provide as instructed by NHS Supply Chain. Access these by clicking on “SUPPLIER HEADER DOCUMENTS” button found in the “SELECT FRAMEWORK” tab.

LOT LEVEL

Lot header selection. In the “LOT HEADER” tab the Applicant can select the Lot(s) they wish to respond to.

a.

Select the “LOT LINE INFORMATION” button to view the Lot detail to determine whether the Applicant wishes to respond to this Lot.

b.

Select the “EXPRESS INTENT” button after the required Lot has been highlighted to be able to respond to the Lot. NOTE: This expression of intent does not place an obligation on the Applicant to respond the action unlocks the ability to respond.

3.

Complete price offers per line for the Lot. Complete the required fields for the lines the Applicant wants to include in the bid using the “LOT LINE DETAIL” tab.

4.

Answer the Non-Financial Lot questions. The questions are found in the “LOT EVALUATION” tab.

5.

The “LOT QUESTIONNAIRE” tab has no requirement for completion in this tender.

— Accept the ISS “TERMS AND CONDITIONS” button to access this function.

— Submit Lot response by clicking on the “SUBMIT RESPONSE TO SELECTED LOT” button in the “SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)” tab to submit response for the Lot. Each Lot must be submitted independently.

— Applicants are able to view their submission using the “SUPPLIER SUBMISSION REPORT” button found in the “SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)” tab.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: An electronic auction (E-Auction) will be used in respect of Lot 10. The use of E-Auctions may also be an option as part of any mini competition process.

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2015/S 4-003988](#) of 7.1.2015

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

7.9.2015 - 15:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English.

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

in days: 200 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 8.9.2015 - 9:00

Place:

As in above mentioned I.1

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: Only the NHS Supply Chain contract owner or delegate

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4 is an estimate only. Applicants should refer to section 9 of the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to appoint more suppliers to the Framework Agreement in the event that more than 40 reach the minimum score for appointment which is set out in the Invitation to Tender.

The term of contracts formed under the Framework Agreement may continue beyond the end of the term of the Framework Agreement itself. 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 will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to reopen competition amongst the three successful applicants during the term of the Framework Agreement to re-establish the price at which all Goods may be purchased under the terms of the Framework Agreement.

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 (for the avoidance of doubt including local authorities) 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.

Non-Direct Contract Products

Blood Pressure Monitoring

Otosopes and Ophthalmoscopes

Multi Patient Use Stethoscopes

Patient Weighing Scales and Measuring Devices

Proctoscopes Rectoscopes Anoscopes and Sigmoidoscopes

Dermatoscopes

Personal Health Monitors

Assessment Lights

General Patient Assessment Products

General Patient Assessment Consumables

Blood Pressure Cuffs and Accessories

NHS Supply Chain is not liable for any costs (including any third party costs fees or expenses) incurred by those expressing an interest in participating or tendering for this framework.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1 NHS Supply Chain does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework and advises Applicants that the framework shall be established on a non-exclusive basis.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used.

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 contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. NHS Supply Chain is not liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in tendering for this contract opportunity. NHS Supply Chain 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.

All communications must be made through NHS Supply Chain's eTendering portal at <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Not applicable

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Not applicable

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Appeals to be lodged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

6.8.2015