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**United Kingdom-London: Medical consumables
2019/S 229-561463**

Contract notice

Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about 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/>

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

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

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: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

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:**

Respiratory and Suction Consumables

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33140000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

This framework is for the supply of respiratory and suction consumables with products covering; facemasks, nasal cannula, nebulisation products, oxygen tubing, venture barrels, sterile water, humidification products, catheters and connectors, air cushion, anaesthetic facemasks, manual resuscitators, re-breathing bags, corrugated tubing, resuscitation dummy/mannequin, anatomical anaesthetic facemasks, compressor nebulisor, spirometer, bacterial viral filter, suction catheters, suction tubing, yankauers, suction canisters, chest drainage devices, manual and powered suction devices.

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement the value of purchases will be circa 81 236 364 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 166 967 280.00 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:**

Oxygen Tubing Aerosol and Oxygen Therapy

Lot No: 1

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

33170000

33157810

33172000

33157100

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33140000

33100000
33141200
33162000
33190000
33157400
33157110
33157200
33157800
33172100

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

Oxygen and aerosol therapy products used to administer oxygen or medicines via the breathing of a patient. Products will include oxygen tubing, oxygen facemasks, nasal cannulas, venturi valves, oxygen catheters, humidifier kits, regulators, flow meters, nebuliser kits and nebuliser chambers.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, service and quality / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 16 426 346 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is

circa 33 761 509 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Anaesthesia and Resuscitation

Lot No: 2

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

33170000

33171000

33171100

33171110

33171200

33171210

33172000

33157100

33157000

33140000

33100000

33162000

33190000

33157400

33172100

33172200

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

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

This lot includes products such as anaesthetic facemasks, carbon dioxide absorbers and portable delivery systems for nitrous oxide/air pain relief gas, corrugated and smooth tubing and mouthpieces. Resuscitation products relating to teaching and administering resuscitation to adults and children. Such as resuscitation systems, re-breathing bag, cardiopulmonary resuscitation masks and resuscitation dummies/mannequins. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, service and quality / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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**

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 8 132 025 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 16 713 969 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Respiratory Therapy

Lot No: 3

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

33100000

33170000

33171000

33171100

33171110

33172100

33172000

33171200

33171210

33157000

33157100

33157400

33140000

33162000

33190000

33172200

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

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

Products relating to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease such as spirometers, peak flow meters, spacers for metered dose inhalers and carbon monoxide monitors. In addition, there are products with a wider scope

covering respiratory physiotherapy such as baby respiration sensors, gas powered resuscitators, inspiratory muscle trainers, mucus clearing devices and cough assist devices.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, service and quality / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 3 618 732 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 7 437 677 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Sterile Water for Humidification

Lot No: 4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

33100000

33157800

33157810

33157200

33157000

33140000

33162000

33190000

33157400

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

This lot includes sterile water with and without adaptors for use in humidification/nebulisation supported both with and without adaptors for use. Where supplied, adaptors must be compatible with the oxygen outlet (such as BOC/Air liquid). Other products also include nebuliser adaptors and humidifier adaptors.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, service and quality / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 1 111 525 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 2 284 546 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Open and Closed Suction Catheters and Oral Care Kits

Lot No: 5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

33100000

33140000

33141200

33141600

33162000

33190000

33141240

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

The products in this lot are for removing of secretions from the endobronchial tract. The open suction catheters are part of a vacuum suction system, consisting of a vacuum pump, with tubing to a receptacle to receive the secretions and tubing from the receptacle to the suction catheter. This lot also includes oral care products such as oral swabs, oral care kits and suction toothbrushes.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, services and quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Labour standards assurance system / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 10 814 494 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 22 227 320 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Yankuers and Suction Tubing
Lot No: 6

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

33100000
33157800
33171110
33172000
33141600
33162000
33190000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK
Main site or place of performance:
Various locations in the UK.

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

The products in this lot can be used with open suction catheters as part of the vacuum suction system. The suction tubing from the receptacle to the suction catheter can be sterile or non-sterile, pre-cut or cut to length at point of use, depending on the clinical circumstances. Theatre environments will require sterile pre-cut tubing whereas wards and clinics may prefer to use 'bubble' tubing cut to length. The Yankauer suction tip is an oral suctioning tool used in medical procedures it is designed to allow effective suction without damaging surrounding tissue.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below
Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15
Quality criterion - Name: Sales, services and quality / Weighting: 10
Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10
Quality criterion - Name: Labour standards assurance system / Weighting: 5
Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 24
This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes
Description of options:
This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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**

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 9 428 236 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 19 378 106 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Lot 7: Suction Canisters and Accessories

Lot No: 7

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

33100000

33170000

33171000

33140000

33141200

33141600

33162000

33190000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

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

This lot includes disposal containers, disposable suction liners, suction canisters, suction regulators, serial connecting tubing, pre-gelling agents and filters.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, services and quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Labour standards assurance system / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 13 532 453 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 27 813 614 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Lot 8: Chest/Thoracic Drainage Devices and Accessories

Lot No: 8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

33100000

33140000

33141200

33141600

33162000

33190000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

This lot includes single bottle chest thoracic drainage systems, chest/thoracic therapy tubing, chest drainage catheters, chest/thoracic drainage kits and sets, indwelling pleural catheters, chest drain valves and thoracic trocars and drains.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, services and quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Labour standards assurance system / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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**

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 13 644 564 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 28 044 038 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Lot 9: Manual and Powered Suction Devices, Machines and Accessories

Lot No: 9

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

33100000

33140000

33141200

33141600

33162000

33190000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

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

This lot includes haemorrhoid suction ligators, suction machines, suction devices and accessories.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, services and quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Labour standards assurance system / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 3 186 267 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 6 548 820 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

Lot 10: Sample Collection Devices and Accessories

Lot No: 10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

33100000

33141600

33162000

33190000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

This lot includes sample collection devices, mucus specimen traps, critical measuring vessels/devices and sample socks.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 35 % at tender evaluation stage to the relevant product line of the framework agreement.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory assessment / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, services and quality / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing support / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Labour standards assurance system / Weighting: 5

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 60

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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**

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement, the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 1 341 724 GBP and for the full 48-month term (if extended), the anticipated value is circa 2 757 681 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information, with a forecasted level of growth from year 1 to 4.

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:

Applicants should refer to each II.2.4) of this contract notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual lots across the framework agreement.

Applicants may bid for 1, more than 1 or all of the lots and applicants should refer to the invitation to tender for more information in respect of this.

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 initiatives.

NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions. 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 (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.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.1.4), II.1.5) and each II.2.14), 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. 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 (including any third party costs fees or expenses incurred by those expressing an interest, participating or 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.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in IV.1.3) is an estimate only.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

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

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

The contracting authority reserves the right to require groupings of entities to take a particular form or to require 1 party to undertake primary legal liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance 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.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of 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 several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 44

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction:

Although an electronic auction will not be used to award all or part of the requirements of the framework agreement the use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the framework agreement.

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

Notice number in the OJ S: [2019/S 109-264605](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 23/12/2019

Local time: 15:00

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

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 24/12/2019

Local time: 09:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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:

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.

Header level requirements:

- applicants are required to read all framework header documents which can be accessed using the 'NHS Sheader Documents' button, which is located in the 'Select Framework' tab,
- applicants are required to upload the documents requested using the 'Supplier Header Documents' button, which is located in the 'Select Framework' tab,
- applicants are required to complete all mandatory questions, which can be accessed using the 'Framework Questionnaire' tab.

Lot level requirements:

- a preview of the lot line details can be viewed using the 'Lot Header' tab, by selecting the lot and using the 'Lot Line Information' button. In order to respond to a lot, applicants must select the relevant lot and then use the 'Express Intent' button. This expression of intent does not place any obligation on the applicant to respond, the action unlocks the ability to respond,
- complete price offers per line for the lot by completing the required fields for the lines the applicant wants to include in the bid using the 'Lot Line Detail' tab. There are a number of mandatory fields to complete on a product line basis; these are highlighted in yellow in the 'Lot Line Detail' tab,
- applicants are required to answer all mandatory lot specific questions found in the 'Lot Evaluation Criteria' tab,
- applicants are then required to click on the 'Terms and Conditions' button in the 'Submit Individual lot Response(s)' tab to view and accept the ISS Terms and Conditions,
- 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.

Please refer to Section III.1.1) for additional information.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Not applicable
Town: Not applicable
Country: United Kingdom

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

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:
Appeals to be logged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

22/11/2019