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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Pulp
2018/S 002-001359**

Contract notice

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

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:

Medical Pulp, Macerators and Support Products

Reference number: FAG000016613

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

03460000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply of Medical Pulp, Macerators, and Support Products to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock, e-Direct and Blue Diamond routes.

The requirement for the supply, delivery, and installation of Macerators pursuant to Lot 2 including but not limited to Service and Warranty Packages and Support Products are required to be supplied to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the Direct Route.

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be circa between £21,500,000.00 and £29,500,000.00, however, this is approximate only. The figure below at II.1.5 for the total estimated value is based on that initial expenditure and includes a forecast for growth.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 62 500 000.00 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:**

Medical Pulp and Support Products
Lot No: 1

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

03460000
33140000
19520000
33196200
33196100

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

The requirement is for the supply of Medical Pulp and Support Products including but not limited to Bedpan Liners, Male and Female Urinals, Detergent Proof Washbowls, Commode Pans, General Purpose Bowls, Bedpan Covers, Kidney Dishes, Measuring Jugs, Sputum Receivers, Trays including Anaesthetic Safety Trays, Multi Cups, Paper Medicine Pots, Plastic Support Products and Metal Dispenser Racks and Bedpan Macerator Cleaner to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock, e-Direct and Blue Diamond routes.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 65 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from four decimal places to the nearest whole number at tender evaluation stage to the relevant Product Line and this Lot of the Framework Agreement.

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. 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 £20,000,000.00 to £27,000,000.00 however this is approximate only. The figure below at II.2.6 for the total estimated value is based on that initial expenditure.

Nationally Contracted Products Programme (“NCP”):

— applicants should note that some of the Medical Pulp Product Lines in Lot 1 (as detailed in Appendix 10 - NCP Product List) will be supplied following the re-opening of competition pursuant to the NCP and will be supplied until on or around 31st January 2019 or 31st January 2020 in the event that the NCP Call-Off Contract is extended in accordance with its terms for, which is the anticipated end date of the Medical Pulp & Associated Product NCP Call-Off Contract,

— accordingly, applicants that are awarded to the Framework Agreement for Lot 1 will not receive any Orders (as defined in the Framework Agreement) for the Product Lines until on or around November 2018 or November 2019 in the event that the NCP Call-Off Contract is extended for up to a further twelve months. In addition, NHS Supply Chain anticipates re-opening competition under the Framework Agreement pursuant to the NCP on or around August 2018 or August 2019 in the event that the NCP Call-Off Contract is extended.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Support, Quality and After-Sales Service / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory and Logistics / Weighting: 24

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 16

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 57 000 000.00 GBP

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 further period of up to 24 months in addition to the initial 24 month period as set out in the Framework Agreement.

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**

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants to the Lot who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 65 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from four decimal places to the nearest whole number at tender evaluation stage to the relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement.

NUTS Code: UK.

II.2) **Description**

- II.2.1) **Title:**
Macerators
Lot No: 2
- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**
03460000
33140000
19520000
33196200
33196100
- II.2.3) **Place of performance**
NUTS code: UK
- II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**
The requirement for the supply, delivery and installation of Macerators pursuant to Lot 2 including but not limited to Service and Warranty Packages to be supplied to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the Direct Route. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants to the Lot who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in these tender documents and whose total score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 65 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from four decimal places to the nearest whole number at tender evaluation stage to this Lot of the Framework Agreement. This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. 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 £1,500,000.00 to £2,500,000.00 however this is approximate only. The figure below at II.2.6 for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.
- II.2.5) **Award criteria**
Criteria below
Quality criterion - Name: Product Support, Quality and After-Sales Service / Weighting: 40
Quality criterion - Name: Inventory and Logistics / Weighting: 24
Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 16
Price - Weighting: 20
- II.2.6) **Estimated value**
Value excluding VAT: 5 500 000.00 GBP
- 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:
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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 of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual lots across the Framework Agreement.

Applicants may bid for one, or both 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 bulk buy initiatives.

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

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain acting as an agent of the NHS Business Services Authority and the supplier. Under the Framework Agreement, there will be two different methods of supply - one for Non-Direct Contract Products and one for Direct Contract Products.

NHS Supply Chain will be entitled to purchase the supplies and/or services identified in the tender documents as Non-Direct Contract Products which it will then make available for purchase by:

- 1) any NHS Trust,
- 2) any other NHS entity,
- 3) any government department, agency or other statutory bodies (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.

For the supplies and/or services identified as Direct Contract Products in the tender documents,

- 1) NHS Supply Chain,
- 2) any NHS Trust,
- 3) any other NHS entity,
- 4) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or,
- 5) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector will be able to enter into a direct contract with the supplier for any of the supplies and/or services under the Framework.

For Direct Contract Products, the supplier will be required to report to and pay a direct contract management fee to NHS Supply Chain as detailed in the tender documents.

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 estimates indicated at II.2.4 and II.2.6, 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

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:

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.

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

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require groupings of entities to take a particular a form, or to require one party to undertake primary legal liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

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: 20

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: [2017/S 167-343225](#)

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

Date: 01/02/2018

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: 02/02/2018

Local time: 09:00

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**

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 colored '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 SCHEADER 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 EVALUATIONCRITERIA' tab,
- applicants are then required to click on the 'TERMS AND CONDITIONS' button in the 'SUBMIT INDIVIDUALLOT RESPONSES' 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 RESPONSES' 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 RESPONSES' tab.

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Not applicable

Not applicable

United Kingdom

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

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:**

02/01/2018