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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Protective and safety clothing
2015/S 185-335509**

Prior information 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/>

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.B: Object of the contract (Supplies or services)

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

'Valved and Un-valved Respirators FFP3 for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Programme'.

II.2) Type of contract and place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

'Various locations in UK'.

NUTS code UK

II.3) Information on framework agreement

II.4) Short description of nature and quantity or value of supplies or services:

'NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) wishes to procure for the benefit of Public Health England and the UK Devolved Administrations (Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland) Valved and Un-valved Respirators FFP3 to be distributed in the event of a pandemic Influenza outbreak or any other health related emergency across the UK. NHS Supply Chain has been appointed to conduct 2 procurements under the Open procedure

in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as updated or amended (the 'Regulations'). These products form part of a suite of products for the treatment of patients within healthcare settings in the event of such a pandemic or health related emergency Influenza Pandemic.

There will be 2 procurements 1 of which will be to award a framework agreement with a call off contract (valved) the other to award a framework agreement (un-valved).

The purpose of the framework agreement (Valved) with call off contract is to procure products to replace the existing expiring stockpile of these products which will be distributed in the case of a pandemic Influenza outbreak or other health related emergency. The stock will be delivered by the supplier(s) to a DHL (or other nominated) Depot for deep storage across a number of locations in the UK including but not limited to Liverpool Manchester Whitwood Bawtry Stanton Huntingdon Lutterworth Northern Ireland Scotland and Wales.

The total number of Respirators required for this procurement is approximately 34 000 000. This volume will be split into 2 parts:

— Part A (the 'Part A Requirement') — 80 % Just in Case (JIC) requirements — This will be ordered under the terms of a call off contract entered into concurrently with the Framework Agreement.

— Part B (the 'Part B Requirement') — 20 % Just in Time (JIT) requirements — This will be supplied under the terms of a call off contract in accordance with Appendix 7 (Delivery Schedule) only in the event of a Pandemic (as defined in the Framework Agreement).

While the successful Applicant to be awarded to the Framework Agreement will be required to supply the whole of the Part A requirement and may be required to supply Part B each Applicant's bid will be evaluated on its ability to provide Part A requirement alone. The price submitted will be used for Part B supply if ordered.

The purpose of the second framework agreement (Un-valved respirators) is to top up the stockpile of products in the event of a pandemic Influenza outbreak or any other health related emergency across the UK.

Both tenders will be published within a short time of each other but will be advertised in separate Contract Notices. You will need to read both Contract Notices and tender documentation to decide if you wish to tender for one or both tenders.

If you want to be considered for both framework agreement's you must submit 2 tenders — 1 for each Contract Notice.

There will be a tender conference call for each tender explaining the procurement requirements. Details of these conference calls will be sent to applicants when you have registered interest in one or both OJEU Contract Notices which are to follow this Prior Information Notice.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that expenditure for the Framework Agreement (Valved) will be in the region of 28 288 000 GBP to 35 360 000 GBP excluding VAT for the Framework Agreement (Un-valved) in the region of 6 200 000 GBP to 6 700 000 GBP excluding VAT however these are approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA).

Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 34 488 000 and 42 060 000 GBP

II.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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II.6) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

II.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.8) **Additional information:**

'The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion.

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 'Applicant Dashboard' icon to open the list of new procurement events.

Expression of interest:

- View PIN 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.

In addition NHS Supply Chain anticipates holding pre-tender presentation meeting with suppliers on the 16.10.2015 further details will be provided via the Intenda Messaging centre. If you would like to attend this event please contact Catherine Stephens via <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS> to register your attendance.

Estimated date of publication of contract notice (enter date).

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

'N/A'.

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Information about reserved contracts

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

VI.2) Additional information:

VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework

VI.4) Date of dispatch of this notice:

21.9.2015