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**United Kingdom-London: Electrosurgical unit
2019/S 175-425699**

Prior information notice

This notice aims at reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Supply Chain Operated by DHL Supply Chain Ltd acting as agent of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)
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NUTS code: UKI4

Internet address(es):

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

I.2) 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/>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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Foxbridge Way
Normanton
WF6 1TL
United Kingdom

Contact person: Adam Williamson
E-mail: Adam.Williamson@supplychain.nhs.uk
NUTS code: UKE4

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

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

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:**

Electrosurgical Equipment, Smoke Evacuators, Related Products and Accessories

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33161000

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 to the NHS Supply Chain customer base, via the direct route of supply electrosurgical and vessel sealing machines. This shall include, but may not be limited to: smoke evacuators, argon plasma, all related products (including software and accessories) and point of sale maintenance.

The scope of this tender and any resulting framework agreement does not include the supply of consumable products. 'Consumable products' means products that are typically supplied after the initial capital (machine) purchase. They are the single use or reusable products that are typically used for each patient procedure. For example diathermy pencils hand-pieces or plates. It is anticipated that initial, first year, expenditure will be in the region of 5 000 000 GBP. Including forecasted growth this may result in a total framework value of 30 000 000 GBP on a 3 + 1 year term.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 30 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

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

33162000

33162100

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:

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II.2.5) Award criteria**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 30 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 36

II.2.10) Information about variants**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 12 months in addition to the initial 36 month period as set out in the framework agreement.

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 initial, first year, expenditure will be in the region of 5 000 000 GBP. Including forecasted growth this may result in a total framework value of 30 000 000 GBP on a 3 + 1 year term.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice:

20/03/2020

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**III.1) Conditions for participation****III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers****III.1.2) Economic and financial standing****III.1.3) Technical and professional ability****III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts****III.2) Conditions related to the contract****III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:****III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract****Section IV: Procedure****IV.1) Description****IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system****IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction****IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) Administrative information**IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures:**

Section VI: Complementary information**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:

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and applicants will be required to include evidence of this with their tender submission.

ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the applicant's (and the product's) supply chain. This should include but not be limited to manufacturing storage and distribution. Further information in respect of certification requirements will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. If such certificates are not in the name of the applicant, then the applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain. 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. Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of 5 000 000 GBP for this contract award, this is approximate only and the values will be to such level as those purchasing under the framework agreement consider necessary to provide suitable requirements. 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.

Framework agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the supplier, however:

- 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.

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. As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain would also like to engage with suppliers of these products via a request for information (RFI). If you would like to complete the request for information document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement, then please follow the below instructions.

Candidates wishing to complete the request for information must register their expression of interest. The request for information document will then be sent via the Intenda Messaging Centre.

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 and select 'Prior Information Notice' towards the top right of the screen to open the list of new prior information notices.

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.

Request for information document:

— the request for information document will then be sent to you via the Intenda Messaging Centre,

— applicants will then have 4 weeks from the dispatch of this notice to complete and return the request for information document.

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**

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:**

06/09/2019