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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Incubators  
2016/S 101-180359**

**Prior information notice**

**Supplies**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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General address of the contracting authority: [www.supplychain.nhs.uk](http://www.supplychain.nhs.uk)

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

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

'Neonatal Incubators Jaundice Management Equipment and Related Accessories'.

**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:**

'For the supply of neonatal incubators jaundice management equipment and their related accessories including but not limited to:

— Closed Incubators;

— Open Warmer Incubators;

- Combined Incubators;
- Warmer with Resuscitation Incubator Units;
- Transport Incubators;
- Photo-therapy Devices;
- Jaundice Meters; and
- Related Accessories.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 2 000 000 to 4 000 000 GBP in the first 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 is shown below'.

Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Range: between 8 000 000 and 16 000 000 GBP

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

33152000, 33172200, 33100000, 33124100

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.

Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of 2 000 000 to 4 000 000 GBP in the first year of the Framework Agreement 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.

The 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 (for the avoidance of doubt including local authorities) 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.

NHS Supply Chain is currently considering the use of lots for this procurement. However it reserves the right not to as part of any future tender process. Further information in respect of the lot strategy will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement.

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 on the NHS Supply Chain portal. The Request for Information document will be sent out 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 until 10.6.2016 to complete and return the Request for Information document’.

### **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:**

24.5.2016