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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Diagnostic systems
2015/S 019-030175**

Contract 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

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/>

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

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: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

Liquid Based Cytology Systems and High Risk HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Testing Systems for Cervical Cancer Screening.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Various locations in UK.

NUTS code UK

II.1.3) **Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) **Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 20

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 2

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 14 000 000 and 38 000 000 GBP

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Liquid Based Cytology Systems and High Risk HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Testing Systems for Cervical Cancer Screening. Including but not limited to liquid based cytology slide preparation systems Reagents Pre-filled Collection Vials and Consumables for liquid based cytology Slide Preparation Molecular Testing for High Risk HPV Pre-Analytical equipment for HPV Testing Assays Reagents Controls and Consumables for High Risk HPV Testing.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124110, 33124130, 50412000, 51410000, 33124100, 33141625, 33124130, 38434000, 33696500

II.1.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

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

II.1.8) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the 1st year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of GBP 3 500 000 to GBP 9 500 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 14 000 000 and 38 000 000 GBP

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend for a maximum of 24 months in addition to the initial 2 year period upon review.

Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:

in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Liquid Based Cytology Systems for Cervical Cancer Screening

1) **Short description**

Liquid Based Cytology Systems for Cervical Cancer Screening. Inclusive of the slide preparation system and all associated equipment, ancillaries, consumables and reagents.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the 1st year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of GBP 2 000 000 to GBP 4 000 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Tenderers should note that for Lot 1 it is anticipated that a maximum of 5 suppliers will be appointed to each of the Product Lines within this Lot. Suppliers can therefore bid for 1 more than 1 or all of the product lines within this Lot and should therefore note that they may be appointed across 1 or a number of these Product Lines within this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 8 000 000 and 16 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: High Risk HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Testing Systems for Cervical Cancer Screening

1) **Short description**

High risk HPV (Human Papillomavirus) testing systems for Cervical Cancer with integrated control and calibration, inclusive of the testing system and all associated equipment, ancillaries, consumables and reagents.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33124110, 33124130, 50412000, 51410000, 33124100, 33141625, 33124130, 38434000, 33696500

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the 1st year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of GBP 1 500 000 to GBP 5 500 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Tenderers should note that for Lot 1 it is anticipated that a maximum of 5 suppliers will be appointed to each of the Product Lines within this Lot. Suppliers can therefore bid for 1 more than 1 or all of the product lines within this Lot and should therefore note that they may be appointed across 1 or a number of these Product Lines within this Lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 6 000 000 and 22 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

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

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

Please see tender documents.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

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

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular 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) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: 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.

Tender response

The system tasks required to complete the tender are:

Header level

— Read Framework header documents: Access these by clicking on the 'NHS HEADER DOCUMENTS' button found in the 'Select Framework' tab.

— Upload header documents: Access this area using the 'SUPPLIER HEADER DOCUMENTS'

— Complete the Framework level questions: These questions are found in the 'Framework Questionnaire' tab.

Lot level

1. Lot header selection:

— Select the LOT LINE DETAILS button to view the lot detail to determine whether the Supplier wishes to respond to this lot.

— Select the 'EXPRESS INTENT' button after the required lot has been highlighted to be able to respond to the lot.

2. Read NHS Lot Documents: Read the documents using the NHS LOT DOCUMENTS button.

3. Upload Supplier Lot documents: Access this area using the 'SUPPLIER LOT DOCUMENTS'. NOTE: These documents relate to this lot only.

4. Complete price offers per line for the Lot: Use the LOT Line Detail tab to access.

5. Answer the LOT questions: The questions are found in the Lot Questionnaire tab.

6. Accept the Terms and Conditions: Use the 'TERMS AND CONDITIONS' button to access this function.

7. Submit Lot Response: Click on the SUBMIT RESPONSE button to submit your response for the Lot. NOTE: Each Lot must be submitted independently.

8. Supplier Submission Report: Open and review the 'Supplier Submission Report'.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: An electronic auction may be used for further competition.

IV.3) **Administrative information**

IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2014/S 139-249055](#) of 23.7.2014

IV.3.3) **Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

IV.3.4) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

9.3.2015 - 15:00

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

in days: 150 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 10.3.2015 - 9:00

Place:

As in above mentioned I.1

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional 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**

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

VI.3) **Additional information**

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4 is an estimate only. Tenderers should refer to section 10 of the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement.

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/bulk buy initiatives.

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

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Tenderers should note that for Lot 2 it is anticipated that a maximum of 15 suppliers will be appointed to each of the Product Lines within this Lot. Suppliers can therefore bid for 1 more than 1 or all of the product lines within this Lot and should therefore note that they may be appointed across one or a number of these Product Lines within this Lot.

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier. Under the Framework Agreement there will be 2 different methods of supply — 1 for Non-Direct Contract Products and 1 for Direct Contract Products.

NHS Supply Chain will be entitled to purchase the supplies and/or services identified below 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 body and/or
- 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector.

For the supplies and/or services identified as Direct Contract Products below

- 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.

Non-Direct Contract Products

High risk HPV (Human Papillomavirus) testing systems with integrated control and calibration inclusive of the testing system and all associated equipment ancillaries consumables and reagents.

Direct Contract Products

Liquid based cytology systems for cervical cancer screening inclusive of the slide preparation system and all associated equipment ancillaries consumables and reagents.

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 incurred by those expressing an interest in 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/>

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Refer to point VI.4.2

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Not applicable

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Any appeals under this process should be addressed to the contact in point I.1.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

23.1.2015