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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Electrosurgical unit
2015/S 174-316129**

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

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:

'Electrosurgical Equipment Smoke Evacuators Related Products and 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 Electrosurgical Machines and equipment and their related accessories including but not limited to:

— Electrosurgical machine stands, and

— Electrical cables, and

- Any related software, and
- Smoke Evacuators, and
- Related products accessories

Suppliers must be able to supply the Electrosurgical Machine in order to respond to the PIN.

Any values provided within this notice in respect of any forecasted expenditure under any forthcoming procurement and for any subsequent contract award are approximate values only. Values will be to such level as those purchasing under the Framework Agreement consider necessary to satisfy customer 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.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 2 000 000 GBP to 4 000 000 GBP in the 1st 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)**

33161000, 42521000, 33162000, 33140000

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.

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 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 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 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. Products are currently provided primarily on a direct supply route basis. However, NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to use the non-direct supply route in future.

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 pretender 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.

If not yet registered:

- Click on the “Not Registered Yet” link to access the registration page,
- Complete the registration pages as guided by the miniguide 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.

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.’

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:

4.9.2015