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**United Kingdom-London: Medical consumables
2019/S 182-442408**

Prior information notice

This notice is for prior information only

Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address: www.supplychain.nhs.uk
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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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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:**

Advanced Wound Care

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33140000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

Large range of products to help influence ideal wound healing environments. The products are used to provide pathogen-free protection and/or moisten areas for healing of wounds to occur.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 52 500 000 GBP to 57 500 000 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. Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of 226 281 563 GBP to 247 832 188 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 are exploring the possibility of 4 years plus 2 years framework agreement having a total term of 6 years.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 247 832 188.00 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)**

33141110

33141111

33141114

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:**

NHS Supply Chain is currently considering using the following lots for this procurement. However, it reserves the right to change any aspect of the lotting structure or not use lots as part of any future tender process. Further information in respect of the lotting strategy will be updated via this PIN subject to stakeholder engagement.

Lot title:

- 1) Silicone foams;
- 2) Non-silicone foams;
- 3) Wound contact layers;
- 4) Gelling fibres;
- 5) Alginates;
- 6) Hydrocolloids and hydrogels;
- 7) Adhesive removers;
- 8) Antimicrobials;
- 9) Burns and scar management;
- 10) Wound irrigation;
- 11) Other TBC.

As evidence of compliance to the specification, applicants maybe required to submit ward ready samples for each tendered product.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and applicants may 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. Applicants should note that if an applicant intends to commit to obtain ISO9001 at tender submission then further evidence will be asked for with their bid to provide evidence of their current position in obtaining ISO9001. The requirement is that ISO9001 is in place at prior to the commencement of the framework agreement (in order for NHS Supply Chain to trade with the successful applicant).

Evidence of compliance to the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC may be requested as part of your tender response. You will be required to submit the following 2 forms of evidence: a valid, in date CE certificate issued by a notified body covering the scope of products that are to be tendered for and an EC declaration of conformity covering all tendered product lines (please note multiple certificates and declarations are acceptable). There will be no option to commit to obtain the certificates and declarations of conformity.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to re-open competition under this framework agreement, with the successfully awarded applicants.

Please note, product testing may be used at any point during the tender process and throughout the life of the framework agreement.

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

06/08/2020

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **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.

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 National Pricing Matrix buy initiatives.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase supplies and/or services which it will 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. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

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 RFI 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 and the deadline for this information to be submitted is 2.12.2019 at 16.00.

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.

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

18/09/2019