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Future opportunity

Single Use Theatre Protective Wear & Associated Consumables

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

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Section I: Contracting authority

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<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

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<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/>

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

Single Use Theatre Protective Wear & Associated Consumables

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is to inform potential suppliers of an upcoming procurement opportunity for single use theatre-associated personal protective equipment (PPE). The scope of this procurement will include a comprehensive range of PPE and related accessories for maintaining the sterile conditions in surgical environments. Items to be procured include: sterile gowns, patient & equipment drapes, headwear and accessories.

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.

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 (national product matrices)/bulk buy initiatives.

It is intended that this framework will be let on an initial three (3) year term, with optional extensions to not exceed a maximum duration of four (4) years in total.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £26,160,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

It is intended that any successful tenderer can be awarded to any combination of Lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Single Use Sterile Gowns

Lot No

Lot 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot includes single use sterile gowns, which are worn by surgical teams to ensure a sterile field. It is intended that this Lot will include an opportunity for awarded suppliers to submit commitment based pricing, to support cash-releasing savings benefit.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region

of £2.4m to £4.1m 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.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Single Use Patient & Equipment Drapes

Lot No

Lot 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 39515200 - Drapes
- 39518100 - Operating-theatre drapes
- 39518200 - Operating-theatre sheets

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot includes patient and equipment drapes, which are used to cover patients and surgical instruments to maintain sterility. It is intended that this Lot will include an opportunity for awarded suppliers to submit commitment based pricing, to support cash-releasing savings benefit.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £250k to £1.1m 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.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Single Use Headwear

Lot No

Lot 3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 18444000 - Protective headgear

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot includes theatre caps, across a variety of colours to protect against contamination. It is intended that this lot will include an option for a bulk buy discount to be offered by awarded suppliers.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £775k to £840k 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.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Single Use Theatre Accessories

Lot No

Lot 4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18100000 - Occupational clothing, special workwear and accessories
- 18114000 - Coveralls
- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 18441000 - Hats
- 18443000 - Headgear and headgear accessories
- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 33199000 - Medical clothing

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot includes all other theatre accessories, worn by surgical teams, to ensure a safe and sterile operating environment. The products in scope include overshoes, beard covers and coveralls.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £150k to £500k 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.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 November 2024

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.

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.

NHS Supply Chain will assess the Applicant's economic and financial standing (or that of the entity or entities the Applicant is relying upon). Documentary evidence of this will be required at tender stage.

All Applicants for this future tender must have a compliant Carbon Reduction Plan to be considered for the Framework Agreement (PPN 06/21).

This future Framework Agreement will include some qualitative evaluation questions on Social Value with a minimum weighting of 10% towards the award (PPN 06/20).

All Applicants bidding to be on any NHS Supply Chain Frameworks must submit an Evergreen Assessment as part of the tendering process. This must be completed annually, and the maturity score will be valid for 12 months.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/>

As a minimum (and further requirements may be set out in the tender documents), Applicants are required to have a Modern Slavery Assessment (MSAT) completed, with a minimum score attainment of 40%, within 12 months of the future tender close date (PPN 02/23).

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.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain anticipates engaging with suppliers of these products via an expression of interest [and a Request for Information (RFI)]. Please follow the guidance below:

PORTAL ACCESS

- Login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>
- Click on “SQs Open to All Suppliers” and search for the title of the procurement:

SQ_557 - RFI - Single Use Clinical Protective Wear PPE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Click on the ‘EXPRESS INTEREST’ button in the top right corner.

RFI

- The Request for Information Document will be available in the Qualification envelope and attachments tab. The closing date for responses to the RFI will be indicated here.

