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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Echo, ultrasound and doppler imaging equipment
2018/S 025-052941**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

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:

Ultrasound Gels

II.1.2) Main CPV code

33112000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a Contract for supply to NHS Supply Chain depots and NHS supply Chain customer base via the Stock Route.

The Contract is for the supply of Ultrasound Gels for the Nationally Contracted Program ('NCP'). It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Contract the value of purchases will be circa 750 000 GBP to 1 200 000 GBP.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 3 600 000.00 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)**

33112000

24951100

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

NHS Supply Chain seeks to award a Contract for the supply of Ultrasound Gels to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock route. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Contract the value of purchases will be between 750 000 GBP to 1 200 000 GBP. For the full total 36 month term (if extended) the anticipated value is circa 2 250 000 GBP and 3 600 000 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the commitment to purchase. See Invitation to Tender for further details.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Price

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 3 600 000.00 GBP

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 12

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Contract will have an initial term of 12 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 36 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This Contract will have the option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 36 months.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions for participation**

III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

Applicants may bid for one, more than one or all of the Product Lines and Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for more information in respect of this.

The term of contracts formed under the Contract may continue beyond the end of the term of the Contract itself. NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions. 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 (for the avoidance of doubt including local authorities) and/or
- 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Contract and enter into contracts under it.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1, NHS Supply Chain guarantees a level of purchase through the contract and advises Applicants that the Contract shall be established on an exclusive basis. 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 (including any third party costs fees or expenses incurred by those expressing an interest, participating or 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/> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

The NHS has a procurement strategy, which aims to increase transparency, remove price variations between trusts and to streamline product ranges to avoid proliferation and fragmentation. It is anticipated that such an approach may enable the NHS to meet its efficiency and savings targets. That broad strategy was discussed by Lord Carter in his report of 2016 entitled "Operational productivity and performance in English NHS acute hospitals: Unwarranted variations" (the "Report") in which he challenged the NHS to save 700m GBP through better procurement. The Nationally Contracted Products Programme ('NCP') has been developed by NHS Improvement ('NHSI') with important input being provided by stakeholders such as the Clinical Evaluation Team ('CET') and NHS Supply Chain in part to deliver the relevant recommendations in the report and to generate savings. One of the aims of the NCP Programme is to standardise the procurement of certain suitable products

(and/or categories of products) and to aggregate the demand for such goods down to a reduced number of suppliers.

The Contract 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 Contract Agreement at its sole discretion.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in IV.1.3.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

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

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

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.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

The Contract includes obligations with respect to environmental issues and a requirement for successful suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction:

An electronic auction will be used to award all of the requirements of the Contract.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 106-211845](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 19/02/2018

Local time: 15:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 20/02/2018

Local time: 09:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

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.

Header level requirements:

— Applicants are required to read all Framework Header Documents which can be accessed using the 'NHS SCHEADER DOCUMENTS' button, which is located in the 'SELECT FRAMEWORK' tab,

— Applicants are required to upload the documents requested using the 'SUPPLIER HEADER DOCUMENTS' button, which is located in the 'SELECT FRAMEWORK' tab.

Lot level requirements:

— A preview of the Lot line details can be viewed using the 'LOT HEADER' tab, by selecting the Lot and using the 'LOT LINE INFORMATION' button. In order to respond to a Lot, Applicants must select the relevant Lot and then use the 'EXPRESS INTENT' button. This expression of intent does not place any obligation on the Applicant to respond, the action unlocks the ability to respond,

— Complete price offers per line for the Lot by completing the required fields for the lines the Applicant wants to include in the bid using the 'LOT LINE DETAIL' tab. There are a number of mandatory fields to complete on a product line basis; these are highlighted in yellow in the 'LOT LINE DETAIL' tab,

— Applicants are required to answer all mandatory Lot specific questions found in the 'LOT EVALUATION CRITERIA' tab,

— Applicants are then required to click on the 'TERMS AND CONDITIONS' button in the 'SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)' tab to view and accept the ISS Terms and Conditions,

— Accept the ISS 'TERMS AND CONDITIONS' button to access this function,

— Submit Lot response, by clicking on the 'SUBMIT RESPONSE TO SELECTED LOT' button in the 'SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)' tab to submit response for the Lot. Each Lot must be submitted independently,

— Applicants are able to view their submission using the 'SUPPLIER SUBMISSION REPORT' button, found in the 'SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)' tab.

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Not applicable
Not applicable
United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

02/02/2018