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**United Kingdom-London: Medical equipments  
2019/S 240-588378**

**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**

Official name: NHS Supply Chain Operated by Health Solutions Team Ltd acting as agent of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)  
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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>  
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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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:**  
Structural Heart, Perfusion and Ventricular Assist Devices including Consumables

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**  
33100000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**  
Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**  
The contract would be to supply structural heart, perfusion and ventricular assist devices including consumables. Products include, but are not limited to: heart valves, percutaneous valve repair and replacement devices, annuloplasty rings and bands, perfusion including oxygenators, ventricular assist devices. Ventricular assist devices in Lot 3 are one of the high cost tariff excluded devices under the NHS England HCTED programme. NHS Supply Chain/Heath Solutions Team (HST) operating on behalf of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL) is the mandated route for the HCTED programme, and trusts who are commissioned to provide this service are directed to purchase all their requirements through NHS Supply Chain. Precise quantities are unknown.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**  
Value excluding VAT: 120 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**  
This contract is divided into lots: yes  
Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**  
Heart Valves and Annuloplasty Rings and Bands  
Lot No: 1

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**  
33100000  
33182220  
33184300  
33182000  
33141000  
33182300  
33184100  
33184200  
33184500  
33123000

33141210  
33141240  
33190000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

Products associated with, but not limited to this Lot are listed below:

Annuloplasty band  
Annuloplasty ring  
Heart Valve Instruments  
Heart valve mechanical  
Heart valve root replacement  
Heart valve sutureless  
Heart valve sutures  
Heart Valve Tissue  
Heart valve tissue pericardial  
Heart valve tissue porcine  
Heart valve tissue stentless  
Heart valve transcatheter  
Mechanical valved non biological conduit  
Pulmonary valved conduit  
Tissue valved non biological conduit  
Tissue valved tissue conduit  
Valved conduit  
Vascular Loop

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 8 000 000 GBP to 12 000 000 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.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Perfusion, Oxygenators and Associated Consumables

Lot No: 2

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

33100000  
33186000  
33621400  
33692400  
42122419  
33194000  
33195000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

Products associated with, but not limited to this lot are listed below:

Heart and Lung machines  
Extracorporeal circulatory unit  
Blood substitutes and perfusion solutions  
Perfusion solutions  
Perfusion pumps  
Devices and instruments for transfusion and infusion  
Patient-monitoring system  
Oxygenators  
Associated consumables

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 7 000 000 GBP to 10 000 000 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.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Ventricular Assist Devices  
Lot No: 3

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

33100000  
33182230  
33182300  
33182200

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

Certain products within Lot 3 Ventricular assist devices may be classified as high cost tariff excluded devices under the NHS England High Cost Tariff Excluded Devices (HCTED) programme. Trusts who are commissioned to provide specialised services in England are directed to purchase all their requirements through a national supply system through NHS Supply Chain.

Details of the product categories currently within scope of the HCTED programme, can be found using the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/key-docs/medical-devices/>

In accordance with the specialised services commissioning policy, NHS Improvement and NHS England will determine which products are classified as excluded from tariff and which are made available under the NHS England High Cost Tariff Excluded Devices (HCTED) programme.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 1 000 000 GBP to 5 000 000 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.

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

13/08/2020

**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.

Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of 16 000 000 GBP to 27 000 000 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 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.

The framework agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the supplier. Under the framework agreement there will be 2 different methods of supply — one for non-direct contract products and one 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 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.

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 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 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. The request for information document will then be sent via the Intenda Messaging Centre.

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 '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 until the 20th December to complete and return the request for information document.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
11/12/2019