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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Textile articles
2016/S 200-361630**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority
Internet address: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

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: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

'Textiles and associated products'.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: 'Various locations in UK'.

NUTS code UK

II.1.3) **Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) **Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 50

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT: 85 000 000 GBP

II.1.5) **Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

This Framework Agreement is for the supply of Textiles and Associated Products this includes but is not limited to:

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Uniforms and Work-wear;

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Flame retardant Curtains and Blinds;

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Personal Protective Equipment;

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Staff and Theatre Footwear;

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Bedding Linen and Towels;

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Polythene Bedding and Protection;

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Patient Wear

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Shrouds;

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Miscellaneous Textiles

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Filled and Flat Bedding;

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Disposable Foot and Eye Wear;

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Specialist Pillows; and

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Specialist Clothing.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 18 000 000 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. An estimated annual value over a 48 month term is 85 000 000 GBP.

This Framework Agreement is for 24 months with the option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier. Under the Framework Agreement there will be two 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 and/or services identified below 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 (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 Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

For the supplies and/or services identified as Direct Contract Products 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.

Non-Direct Contract Products;

Polythene Bedding and Protection;

Patient Wear and Related Disposable Textile Products e.g. Gowns Bibs Bath Mats;

Shrouds;

Miscellaneous Textiles;

Filled and Flat Bedding Products;

Disposable Foot and Eye Wear e.g. Foam Slippers Sleep Masks;

Specialist Pillows;

Specialist Clothing;

Direct Contract Products;

Uniforms and Work-wear;

Flame Retardant Fabrics Curtains and Blinds;

Personal Protective Equipment;

Staff Footwear including Theatre Footwear;

Bedding Linen and Towels;

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 18000000, 18100000, 18130000, 18140000, 18143000, 18221000, 18224000, 18231000, 18233000, 18234000, 18300000, 18312000, 18317000, 18318200, 18318500, 18410000, 18441000, 18443340, 18452000, 18800000, 18812000, 18812200, 18830000, 18831000, 18832000, 19244000, 19520000, 30192200, 33199000, 35113100, 35113400, 39512000, 39512100, 39512200, 39512300, 39512500, 39514100, 39515000, 39515100, 39515400, 39515410, 39516120, 39518000, 39520000, 39525000, 39550000, 39560000, 39561120, 39563600

II.1.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.1.8) **Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9) **Information about variants**

II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 38 700 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure'.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 85 000 000 GBP

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: 'This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a further period of up to 24 months in addition to the initial 24 month period as set out in the Framework Agreement'.

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Uniforms and Work-wear

1) **Short description**

For supply via Direct Supply Route, any form of clothing to be worn by any member of staff within any NHS ward or department including front of house, and includes but shall not be limited to: — Dresses — Tunics — Trousers — Skirts — Scrub Bottoms and Tops — Shirts — Polo Shirts — Fleece — Ties — Jackets — Overalls — Embroidery if required for any of the above items.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 18000000, 18100000, 18140000, 18221000, 18224000, 18231000, 18233000, 18234000, 18300000, 18312000, 18318200, 18318500, 18441000, 18443340, 33199000, 39520000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this Lot will be in the region of 16 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

All Applicants who reach a score of 60 % or more and who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender will be appointed to this Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this'.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 39 600 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Flame Retardant Curtains and Blinds

1) **Short description**

For supply via Direct Supply Route, non-disposable flame retardant curtains and blinds including an estimating service, site reviews fitting and supply in any area as requested by an NHS customer usually at a window or cubicle and includes but shall not be limited to: — Curtains — Blinds.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 19244000, 39515000, 39515100, 39515400, 39515410, 39520000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 1 500 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Personal Protective Equipment

1) **Short description**

For supply via Direct Supply Route, personal protective equipment with main areas of spend being the supply of clothing for employed NHS staff which has some form of protection including clothing or footwear and includes but shall not be limited to: — Hi-Visibility Clothing — Trousers — Protective Fleecees — Work Trousers — Ear Plugs — Work Gloves — Knee Pads — Goggles — Safety Work Shoes — Coveralls.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 18000000, 18100000, 18130000, 18140000, 18143000, 18221000, 18224000, 18234000, 18300000, 18410000, 18441000, 18443340, 18812200, 18830000, 18831000, 18832000, 35113100, 35113400, 39520000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 6 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 12 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Staff and Theatre Footwear

1) **Short description**

For supply via Direct Supply Route, a range of theatre and nursing staff footwear which provide a mixture of cleanliness/sterility, comfort and protection whilst within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Clogs — Wellington Boots — Nursing and Theatre Shoes.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 18000000, 18800000, 18812000, 18812200, 18830000, 18832000, 39520000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 3 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Bedding, Linen and Towels

1) **Short description**

For supply via Direct Supply Route, a range of bedding, linen and towels to be used by NHS staff within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Duvets — Pillows — Feather, Washable and Wipable — Pillowcases — Sheets — Mattress Covers — All sizes and types of Towelling including Tea Towels.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 39512000, 39512100, 39512200, 39512300, 39512500, 39514100, 39518000, 39520000, 39563600

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 1 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Polythene Bedding and Protection

1) **Short description**

For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, a range of flame retardant waterproof bedding and protectors that would be used within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Pillow Protectors — Mattress Protectors — Drawsheets.

- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
39500000, 19520000, 39512300, 39520000, 39525000, 39560000

- 3) **Quantity or scope**
'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 500 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.
NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top scoring 3 Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'. Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 000 000 GBP

- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

- 5) **Additional information about lots**
'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Patient Wear

- 1) **Short description**
For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, a range of products to be worn by a patient within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Capes Disposable — Gowns Disposable — Briefs Disposable — Shorts Disposable — Bibs Disposable.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
39500000, 18312000, 39520000, 39525000, 39550000, 39560000
- 3) **Quantity or scope**
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- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**
- 5) **Additional information about lots**
'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Shrouds

- 1) **Short description**

For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, shrouds for deceased patient whilst within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Cotton Shrouds — Non-Woven Shrouds — PVC Shrouds.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 39520000, 39525000, 39560000

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 9

Lot title: Miscellaneous Textiles

1) **Short description**

For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, miscellaneous textile products used within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Bath Mats — Haberdashery in many forms, Pins, Tapes, Threads etc — Non-Disposable Shower Curtains.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 18452000, 30192200, 39512000, 39512500, 39520000, 39525000, 39550000, 39560000, 39561120

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 5 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 10

Lot title: Filled and Flat Bedding Products

1) **Short description**

For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, a range of bedding that has a feather, foam or polyester filling and is to be used within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Duvets — Pillows — Disposable Pillowcases — Disposable Bed sheet.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
39500000, 39512000, 39516120, 39520000, 39525000, 39563600

3) **Quantity or scope**
'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 2 500 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.
NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top scoring 3 Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'
Estimated value excluding VAT: 5 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**
'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 11

Lot title: Disposable Foot and Eye Wear

1) **Short description**
For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, foot wear for patient use to assist in the prevention of slips/falls, also including eye wear which assists patient with sleep when within a healthcare environment and includes but shall not be limited to: — Slippers — Slipper Socks — Step Socks — Tube Socks — Eye Shades.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
39500000, 18317000, 18800000, 18812000, 18832000, 39520000

3) **Quantity or scope**
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Estimated value excluding VAT: 5 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**
'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 12

Lot title: Specialist Pillows

1) **Short description**

For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, bedding that has a filling and are to be used within a healthcare environment, these items are of a specialist nature such as for the use with patients with flat head syndrome and duvets and pillows that are thermo-bonded providing a complete barrier against hospital infections and includes but shall not be limited to: — Specialist Duvets — Specialist Pillows.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 39516120, 39520000, 39525000, 39563600

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 500 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top scoring 3 Applicants who have met the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender to each Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 000 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 13

Lot title: Specialist Clothing

1) **Short description**

For supply via Stock, Blue Diamond or eDirect routes, patient clothing when within a healthcare environment, these items are for patients who have hip dysplasia plus clothing that allows for clinicians to have easy access to patients for assessment whilst also providing dignity and includes but shall not be limited to: — Sleep Suits — Trousers — Gowns — Bottoms — Tops.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

39500000, 18000000, 18100000, 18234000, 18300000, 18410000, 33199000, 39520000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 200 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 400 000 GBP

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

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

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

'Please see tender documents.'

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

'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.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: 'The Framework Agreement includes obligations with respect to environmental issues and a requirement for successful Suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct together with contractual obligations in relation to the Labour Standards Assurance System.'

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: '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.

Tender response.

Header level requirements:

— Applicants are required to read all Framework Header Documents which can be accessed using the “NHS SC header 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.’.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

III.2.4) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**

III.3.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.3.2) **Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Type of procedure**

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Open

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

IV.1.3) **Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

IV.2) **Award criteria**

IV.2.1) **Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: yes

Additional information about electronic auction: ‘An electronic auction will not be used to award the Framework Agreement. However NHS Supply Chain may re-open competition by way of an electronic auction during the term of the Framework Agreement’.

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:

"FAG000016448"

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2016/S 034-054543](#) of 18.2.2016

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

7.11.2016 - 15:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English.

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

in days: 200 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 8.11.2016 - 9:00

Place:

As in abovementioned I.1).

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 'Only the NHS Supply Chain contract owner or delegate'.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

VI.3) Additional information

'Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4) is an estimate only. Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the Suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to appoint more suppliers to the Framework Agreement in the event that more than 50 reach the minimum score for appointment which is set out in the Invitation to Tender.

Applicants should refer to Annex B of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual lots across the Framework Agreement. Applicants may bid for one more than one or all of the Lots and Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for more information in respect of this.

The term of contracts formed under the Framework Agreement may continue beyond the end of the term of the Framework Agreement itself.

NHS Supply Chain recognises that during the lifetime of the Framework Agreement Applicants may want to offer additional savings to Customers through the provision of discounted pricing value added offerings bulk buy initiatives direct rebates (i.e. payments which may be agreed directly from a successful Applicant to a Customer (or group of Customers) for purchases made under the awarded Framework Agreement) occasional special offers for instance in relation to new product introductions NHS year-end spend and market growth incentives.

Applicants are urged to make provision for such special offers in their pricing proposals and are invited to give details of these offers in Appendix 6 — Discounts and Savings Initiatives. However please note that this information will not be evaluated.

NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

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 does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework and advises Applicants that the framework shall be established on a non-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'.

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Not applicable

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Not applicable

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: 'Appeals to be lodged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)'.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

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

7.10.2016