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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Diagnostic devices  
2018/S 059-129748**

**Prior information notice**

**This notice is for prior information only**

**Supplies**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

- I.1) **Name and addresses**  
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Main address: [www.supplychain.nhs.uk](http://www.supplychain.nhs.uk)
- I.2) **Information about joint procurement**
- I.3) **Communication**  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
- 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:**  
Antenatal Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia and/or Glycated Haemoglobin Measurement (Laboratory/Clinic Based)  
Including Newborn Sickle Cell Screening Equipment, Reagents and Associated Products
- II.1.2) **Main CPV code**  
33124100
- II.1.3) **Type of contract**  
Supplies
- II.1.4) **Short description:**

The Framework will consist of reagent rental and/or purchases of analysers and reagents capable of accommodating tests for the screening of both Antenatal Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia and the measurement of Glycated Haemoglobin. Also for analysers and reagents capable of accommodating tests for the measurement of Glycated Haemoglobin only and Newborn Sickle Cell screening equipment, including analyser(s), reagents and associated products. The requirement is for an automated system offering detection of Sickle Cell Haemoglobin and other common Haemoglobin variants, using eluates from the newborn bloodspot card in those laboratories undertaking newborn bloodspot screening.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 14 000 000.00 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)**

33124100

33124110

33696200

33124131

38434520

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:**

The Framework will cover a range of reagent rental and/or purchases of analysers and reagents capable of accommodating tests for the screening of both Antenatal Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia and the measurement of Glycated Haemoglobin and for analysers and reagents capable of accommodating tests for the measurement of Glycated Haemoglobin only and Newborn sickle cell screening equipment and consumables.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 2 500 000 GBP to 3 600 000 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:**

03/08/2018

**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 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. Further information in respect of certification requirements will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. If such certificates are not in the name of the Applicant then the Applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain.

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 2 500 000 GBP to 3 600 000 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, however

- 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.

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.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain anticipates engaging with suppliers of these products.

If you would like to contract with NHS Supply Chain in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement then please contact Dawn Cowhig by registering your expression of interest and using the Intenda Messaging Centre via <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS> 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:**

23/03/2018