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Opportunity

Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products

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

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI4 - Inner London – East

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Buyer's address

<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

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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

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Buyer's address

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

<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

Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33194000 - Devices and instruments for transfusion and infusion

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS Supply Chain Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products Framework is intended to cover Needlefree connectors, extension sets and accessories . It is anticipated in the first year that spend will be approximately £30,000,000 GBP, however this is approximate only and may vary depending on requirements of bodies purchasing under the Framework. The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies from suppliers not appointed to the Framework at its sole discretion.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase supplies 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.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £115,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

3

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Needle-free Valve and Connectors

Lot No

Lot 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33194100 - Devices and instruments for infusion
- 33194120 - Infusion supplies
- 33194200 - Devices and instruments for transfusion

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

A small, stand-alone, Luer-activated needleless plastic valve intended to mate two related intravenous (IV) line devices [e.g., hypodermic syringe and catheter port or tubing from an IV administration set] and hold them in a secured, sealed, locked position until disconnection. It is a device that allow connection of a syringe to a vascular access device whilst eliminating the use of needles when administering fluids or medication to a patient.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 75

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £7,500,000 in the first year for Lot 1 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

Needle-free Extension Sets.

Lot No

Lot 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33194100 - Devices and instruments for infusion
- 33194120 - Infusion supplies
- 33194200 - Devices and instruments for transfusion

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

A collection of tubing/s with integrated needle-free connector and valve, intended to establish an extension to allow repeated access to the intravenous system eliminating the use of needles. For example these may be made from either Polyethylene, Polyethylene lined PVC, PVC, or Polyurethane.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 75

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £75,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £18,750,000 in the first year for Lot 2 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

Needle-free accessories, associated products and Closed System Transfer Devices

Lot No

Lot 3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33194100 - Devices and instruments for infusion
- 33194120 - Infusion supplies
- 33194200 - Devices and instruments for transfusion

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

Disinfection Caps (Luer-formatted disinfection caps)

A small, non-invasive, closed-ended Luer attachment intended to be attached to a connector in an intravenous line (e.g., needleless valve, Luer access valve, male Luer connector) to disinfect the valve surface and/or maintain disinfection, and for protection. For Example, a synthetic polymer cap containing a foam material saturated with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) as the disinfectant; it may contain other components. Closed System transfer devices (CSTD) - These are medication transfer sterile devices designed to transfer parenteral medications(e.g., intravenous (IV) fluids, drugs] between a first container(s) [e.g., a vial(s) and a second container or administration line (e.g., an IV bag/line) in a non-powered closed system; it may also be used to compound and/or reconstitute medication for its preparation and administration. It is available in a variety of configurations and typically includes vials, tubes, connectors, spikes, syringes, and caps. This is a single-use device.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 75

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £2,500,000 in the first year for Lot 1 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.

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 should refer to II.2 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 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 initiatives.

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 Framework Agreement 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 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 <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in IV.1.3 is an estimate only.

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.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance 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.

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 25

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

Although an electronic auction will not be used to award all or part of the requirements of the Framework Agreement the use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the Framework Agreement.

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: [2023/S 000-020325](#)

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

Date

7 February 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

8 February 2024

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

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

— Click on ITTs Open to All Suppliers.

— Select from the following ITTs:

ITT_1159 Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products

ITT_1160 - Lot 1 - Needle-free Valve and Connectors

ITT_1161 - Lot 2 - Needle-free Extension Sets.

ITT_1162 - Lot 3 - Needle-free accessories, associated products and Closed System Transfer Devices

Please note: you must respond to IT_1120 In addition to any lots you intend to respond to.

— Click on Express Interest.

— If you intend to respond select Intend to Respond.

Applicants are encouraged to download the supplier handbook located within the eProcurement portal by following the 'Supplier Helpcentre' link within the Useful Links section of the Dashboard.

For any technical help with the portal please contact:

Tel: 0800 069 8630 or email: help_uk@jaqqaer.com

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Appeals to be logged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)