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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Gloves  
2015/S 042-071677**

**Contract notice**

**Supplies**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: [www.supplychain.nhs.uk](http://www.supplychain.nhs.uk)

**Further information can be obtained from:**

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**

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

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

Examination Gloves and Sterile Surgical Gloves.

**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 the 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: 30

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 2

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

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 320 000 000 and 375 000 000 GBP

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

The Framework Agreement is for the supply of examination gloves and sterile surgical gloves.

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

18424000, 18424300, 33141420

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**

Variants will be accepted: yes

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 year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 80 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and anticipated growth if the term of the Framework Agreement is extended to 4 years.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 320 000 000 and 375 000 000 GBP

II.2.2) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend for a maximum of 24 months in addition to the initial 2 year period upon review.

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: Examination Gloves

1) **Short description**

Examination gloves.

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

18424000, 18424300

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 50 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and anticipated growth over the 4 years (if the term of the Framework Agreement is extended to 4 years).

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the 10 highest scoring suppliers to this lot should there be 10 or more suitable suppliers for this lot.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 200 000 000 and 240 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Sterile Surgical Gloves

1) **Short description**

Sterile Surgical Gloves, Latex and Synthetic.

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

18424000, 18424300, 33141420

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 30 000 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and anticipated growth over the 4 years (if the term of the Framework Agreement is extended to 4 years).

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing a maximum of 20 suppliers to this lot should there be 20 or more suitable suppliers for this lot. More than 1 supplier may be appointed across each of the Line Items within this Lot. Tenderers should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or both of the Line Items across this Lot..

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 120 000 000 and 135 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

**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 1 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. As part of the Terms and Conditions of the Framework Agreement there will also be on-going obligations for Suppliers to submit an audit against Labour Standards Assurance Systems (LSAS) as outlined in clause 9.7 of the Invitation to Tender.

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:

The system tasks required to complete the tender are:

Header level:

— Read Framework header documents: Access these by clicking on the 'NHS header documents' button found in the 'Select Framework' tab.

— Upload header documents: Access this area using the 'Supplier header documents'

— Complete the Framework level questions: These questions are found in the 'Framework Questionnaire' tab.

Lot level:

1. Lot header selection:

- Select the Lot line details button to view the lot detail to determine whether the Supplier wishes to respond to this lot;
- Select the 'Express intent' button after the required lot has been highlighted to be able to respond to the lot.
- 2. Read NHS Lot Documents: Read the documents using the NHS lot documents button.
- 3. Upload Supplier Lot documents: Access this area using the 'Supplier lot documents'. Note: These documents relate to this lot only.
- 4. Complete price offers per line for the Lot: Use the Lot Line Detail tab to access.
- 5. Answer the Lot questions: The questions are found in the Lot evaluation criteria tab and the Lot questionnaire tab.
- 6. Accept the Terms and Conditions: Use the 'Terms and conditions' button to access this function.
- 7. Submit Lot Response: Click on the Submit response button to submit your response for the Lot. Note: Each Lot must be submitted independently.
- 8. Supplier Submission Report: Open and review the 'Supplier Submission Report'.

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**

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

IV.3) **Administrative information**

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

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

**Prior information notice**

Notice number in the OJEU: [2014/S 148-265689](#) of 5.8.2014

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**

13.4.2015 - 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: 14.4.2015 - 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. Tenderers should refer to section 9 of 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 purchase supplies from the Framework Agreement resulting from this procurement process for the stockpile that NHS Supply Chain holds for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Programme ('PIPP'). In such case the PIPP stock is held in deep storage meaning the products will be held palletised in standard racking for the duration of their shelf life and the products will only be issued in the event of a flu pandemic.

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/bulk buy initiatives.

NHS Supply Chain may (but shall not be required to) re-open competition at any time during the term of the Framework Agreement and may evaluate bids submitted pursuant to such competition on the basis of price only (including by way of e-auction). Such e-auction may be used:

(1) to re-establish the prices at which Goods may be purchased under the terms of the Framework Agreement (i.e. there will be no commitment by NHS Supply Chain or its customers to purchase any volume or value of Goods) and/or

(2) to establish pricing in respect of a commitment by NHS Supply Chain to purchase a specified volume or value of Goods. A single or multiple suppliers may be awarded following such re-opening of competition.

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

Lot 1 comprises of 1 Product Line and it is anticipated that 10 suppliers will be appointed to this Lot.

Lot 2 comprises of 2 Product Lines and it is anticipated that 10 suppliers will be appointed to supply each of the Product Lines within this Lot.

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.

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 incurred by those expressing an interest in 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**

Refer to point VI.4.2)

**Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Not applicable

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Any appeals under this process should be addressed to the contact in point I.1).

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

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

25.2.2015