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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Orthopaedic supplies
2018/S 005-006578**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Joint procurement

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>
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Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available.
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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:

Immobilisation and Associated Products

II.1.2) Main CPV code

33141700

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive framework agreement for supply to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock/Blue Diamond routes and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via E-Direct route. The framework agreement is for the supply of Immobilisation and Associated Products including but may not be limited to; bandage Plaster of Paris rolls and slabs, padded foam slings, non-fibreglass, fibreglass and flexible casting tapes, skin traction kits, synthetic acute splinting systems, natural and synthetic undercast padding, natural and synthetic stockinettes, eco-friendly casting materials and associated casting accessories. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the framework agreement the value of purchases will be circa £19,880,000; however, this is approximate only. The figures for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 39 760 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes
Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Bandage Plaster of Paris — Rolls
Lot No: 1

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

33141700
33141770
33141113

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of bandage Plaster of Paris rolls. A bandage Plaster of Paris roll is a bandage saturated with a paste of Plaster of Paris that upon drying forms a cast on a patient and is provided in a roll.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 3 600 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The framework agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This framework agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Bandage Plaster of Paris - Slabs

Lot No: 2

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

33141700

33141770

33141113

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of bandage plaster of paris slab. A bandage plaster of paris slab is a bandage saturated with a paste of plaster of paris that upon drying forms a cast on a patient and is provided in a slab.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 6 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Padded Supports - Sling

Lot No: 3

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

33141700

33141770

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of foam padded slings, including; foam padded sling on a roll which can be cut to patient requirements and foam padded sling that allow the arm to be elevated away from the body as well as being used as a standard sling.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 4 800 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Fibreglass Casting Tapes
Lot No: 4

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

33141700
33141770
33141760

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of fibreglass casting tape. Fibreglass casting tapes are used in fracture management and treatment of orthopaedic conditions and are impregnated or made from fibreglass.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 720 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Flexible Casting Tapes

Lot No: 5

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

33141700

33141770

33141760

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of flexible casting tapes. Flexible casting tapes are used in fracture management and treatment of orthopaedic conditions and are impregnated or made with polyester, fibreglass or other suitable material.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 7 840 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Non Fibreglass Casting Tapes

Lot No: 6

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

33141700

33141770

33141760

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of non fibreglass casting tapes. Non-fibreglass casting tapes are used in fracture management and treatment of orthopaedic conditions and are impregnated or made with polyester or other suitable material.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 960 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Skin Traction Kits

Lot No: 7

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

33141700

33141770

33141760

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of skin traction kits. Skin traction kits provide non-invasive traction to limbs after injury or surgery.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 480 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Synthetic Acute Splint Systems and Related Products

Lot No: 8

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

33141700

33141770

33141760

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of synthetic acute splint systems and related products. These include synthetic acute splinting systems, thermoplastic sheets and pre-moulded, pre-cut splints.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 80 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Undercast Padding - Natural

Lot No: 9

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

33141700

33141770

33141113

33141115

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of undercast padding made from natural material. Undercast padding is a cushioning that is placed between the cast and the stockinette to protect the limb and make the cast more comfortable for the patient. Natural undercast padding are made from cotton, rayon, viscose or other suitable material.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 4 600 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Undercast Padding - Synthetic

Lot No: 10

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

33141700

33141770

33141113

33141115

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of undercast padding made from synthetic material. Undercast padding is a cushioning that is placed between the cast and the stockinette to protect the limb and make the cast more comfortable for the patient. Synthetic undercast padding are made from polyester or other suitable synthetic material.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 3 400 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Stockinettes - Natural

Lot No: 11

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

33141700

33141770

33141113

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of Stockinettes made from natural ribbed material. For the purpose of this specification stockinettes are the first layer applied during cast application to protect the patient's skin. Natural stockinettes are made from cotton, rayon, viscose or other suitable material.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 1 600 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Stockinettes - Synthetic
Lot No: 12

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

33141700
33141770
33141113

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of Stockinettes made from synthetic materials. For the purpose of this specification stockinettes are the first layer applied during cast application to protect the patient's skin. Synthetic stockinettes are made from polyester or other suitable synthetic material.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 960 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Eco-Friendly Casting
Lot No: 13

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

33141700
33141770
33141760

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4

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

This Lot is for the supply of eco-friendly casting. Eco-friendly casting materials are made of bio-degradable materials.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Product Research and Development / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Ability to Supply and Framework Agreement / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Inventory Assessment / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 720 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

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

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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**

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: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> 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.1.5) Information about reserved contracts

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

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: 30

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

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 in the OJ S: [2017/S 035-064070](#)

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

Date: 15/01/2018

Local time: 15:00

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 16/01/2018

Local time: 09:00

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: <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.

- Use URL <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/> to access the NHS Supply Chain Procurement portal,
- 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.

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.

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Not applicable

Not applicable

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

05/01/2018