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Opportunity

Central Venous Catheters and Associated Products

NHS Supply Chain

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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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 the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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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

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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

Central Venous Catheters and Associated Products

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Supply Chain seek to establish a Framework agreement for the supply of Central Venous Catheters and Associated Products including but not limited to Arterial Lines, Arterial Cannula, Central Venous Catheters (Tunnelled / Non-Tunnelled), Catheter Fixation / Securement Devices, Port Introducers, Implantable Ports (Chest / Arm), Introducers, Tunneling Rods, Midlines, PICCs, Vascular Catheters, Safety Huber Needles (with / without Y-Site), Wireless ECG Tip Location Systems and their Accessories, and Repair Kits.

The Framework Agreement will be for supply of Central Venous Catheters and Associated Products to NHS Supply Chain and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the E-Direct Route. The Framework term will be on a 2+ 2 year basis (with a maximum term of 48 months). It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £30,000,000 to £34,125,000 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. Estimated value over the maximum 4 year Framework Agreement (2 + 2 Term) will be in the region of £120,000,000 to £136,500,000.

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.

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 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: £136,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables
- 33141200 - Catheters
- 33141240 - Catheter accessories
- 33141320 - Medical needles
- 33184100 - Surgical implants

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

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £136,109,479

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 up to a total duration no longer than 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 for this Framework will be circa £34,125,000 GBP in the first year of the 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 Framework Agreement.

Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for more information in respect of bidding for this Framework Agreement.

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.

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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.iaggaer.com//> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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: 16

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: [2024/S 000-023580](#)

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

Date

18 February 2025

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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 February 2025

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

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and Applicants may be required to include evidence of this within 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, distribution, and customer service.

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 and provide evidence of ISO9001:2015 or equivalent for all relevant parties in the supply chain.

- Public Liability Insurance cover of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant

- Product Liability Insurance cover in the name of the Applicant of £5m per claim or £5m per claim and in the annual aggregate

- Declaration of Conformity and UKCA Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device

Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to d-Declaration of Conformity and UKCA Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation

2017/745 (where applicable).

If an Applicant commits to obtain ISO9001:2015 or equivalent quality standard certificate, Public Liability Insurance or Product Liability Insurance certification at the time of their tender submission then the requirement is that such certification is in place prior to the commencement date of the framework agreement.

The NHS has adopted PPN 06/20 (taking account of Social Value in the award of Government Contracts) 2022, and therefore this future Framework Agreement will include some qualitative evaluation questions on Social Value with a min. weighting of 10% towards the award. For more information on Social Value and to understand what's included in Social Value, please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0620-taking-account-of-social-value-in-the-award-of-central-government-contracts>.

In addition, from April 2023: the NHS will adopt the Government's 'Taking Account of Carbon Reduction Plans' (PPN 06/21) requiring all suppliers with new contracts for goods, services, and/or works with an anticipated contract value above £5 million per annum, to publish a carbon reduction plan for their direct emissions. From April 2024, the NHS will expand this requirement for all new contracts, irrespective of value. From April 2024, the NHS will expand this requirement for all new contracts, irrespective of value.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain would also like to engage with suppliers of these products via a Request for Information (RFI). If you would like to complete the Request for Information document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement, then please follow the below instructions;

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 the following ITT:

— Project_1506 - Central Venous Catheters and Associated Products 2026

Please note: you must respond to ITT_1631

— Click on Express Interest.

— If you intend to respond select Intend to Respond.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Not applicable

Not applicable

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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)