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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Medical equipments
2016/S 157-285293**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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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

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

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

'Cardiac Surgery Cardiac Rhythm Management Diagnostic and Interventional Consumables and Associated Products.'

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 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

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 849 800 000 and 927 450 000 GBP

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

Non-exclusive Framework Agreement for supply to NHS Supply Chain customer base via the E-Direct Route and to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock Route of the following goods: Cardiac Surgery Cardiac Rhythm Management Electro-physiology Cardiology and Radiology Consumables, Thoracic and Abdominal Aortic Aneurism Repair Endoscopy Consumables, Endourology Capital Equipment and Associated Products.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4) is an estimate only. Applicants should refer to 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 appoint more suppliers to the Framework Agreement in the event that more than 200 reach the minimum score for appointment which is set out in the Invitation to Tender.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

33100000, 33110000, 33111600, 33111710, 33111720, 33124110, 33111721, 33124120, 33111730, 33124120, 33111740, 33124130, 33141323, 33123000, 33124130, 33141324, 33123200, 33124200, 33141325, 33123210, 33124200, 33141326, 33184200, 33123210, 33124210, 33141327, 33184300, 33123220, 33124210, 33141328, 33184500, 33123220, 33125000, 33168000, 33123230, 33128000, 33168000, 33123230, 33140000, 33168100, 33124000, 33141200, 33182000, 33124000, 33141210, 33182100, 33124100, 33141220, 33182200, 33124100, 33141230, 33182210, 33124110, 33141240, 33182220, 33141310, 33182230, 33141320, 33182240, 33141322, 33182241, 33182300, 33182400, 33184100

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 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 424 900 000 GBP to 463 725 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 849 800 000 and 927 450 000 GBP

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of these options: 'This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a further period of up to 24 months in addition to the initial 24 month period as set out in the Framework Agreement.'

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: Cardiac Surgery

1) Short description

This lot is for Cardiac Surgery products and includes: — Cardiac Patch; Biological and Non-Biological Tissue — Pericardial Patch — Heart Valve Mechanical — Heart Valve Tissue; Pericardial, Porcine and Sutureless — Biological Conduits; Tissue and Mechanical Valve — Non-Biological Conduits; Tissue and Mechanical Valve — Pulmonary Valved Conduit — Annuloplasty Repair Device; Mitral Ring and Band — Annuloplasty Repair Device; Tricupid Ring and Band — Associated Products.

2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

33182000, 33123000, 33124000, 33124000, 33140000, 33182220, 33182230, 33182300, 33184100, 33184200, 33184300, 33184500

3) Quantity or scope

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 75 000 000 GBP and 83 375 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 150 000 000 and 166 750 000 GBP

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

5) Additional information about lots

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Cardiac Rhythm Management

1) Short description

This lot is for Cardiac Rhythm Management products and includes: — Single Rate Response (RR) Chamber Pacemaker Generators and Systems — Dual Rate Response (RR) Chamber Pacemaker Generators and Systems — Leadless Pacing Devices — Pacemaker Leads — Pacing Leads, Left Ventricular, Atrial, Defibrillation Leads and Temporary — External Pulse Generator, Single and Dual Chamber — Single Chamber Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICD) Generators and Systems — Dual Chamber Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICD) Generators and Systems — Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Device (CRT-

D) Generators and Systems — Cardiac Resynchronization Pacemaker (CRT-P) Generators and Systems — Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (S-ICD) Generators, Systems and Electrodes — Loop Recorders — Remote Monitoring Devices — Associated Products.

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

33184100, 33100000, 33123000, 33123210, 33123210, 33124000, 33124000, 33124100, 33124100, 33124110, 33124110, 33124130, 33124130, 33140000, 33182000, 33182100, 33182200, 33182210, 33182240, 33182241, 33182300, 33182400

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 120 000 000 GBP and 125 000 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 240 000 000 and 250 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Electrophysiology

1) **Short description**

This lot is for Electrophysiology products and includes: — Catheters, Ablation, Ablation Complex, Cryo Ablation, Radio-frequency Ablation, Microwave Ablation, Linear Ablation and Diagnostic — Ablation Probes — Mapping Catheters, 2D and 3D — Sheaths Introducers, Steerable and Non-Steerable — Introducers — Transeptal Needles — Associated Products.

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

33182000, 33100000, 33110000, 33111600, 33111710, 33111720, 33111721, 33123200, 33123210, 33123230, 33124000, 33124100, 33124100, 33124110, 33124120, 33124130, 33124200, 33124210, 33140000, 33141200, 33141210, 33141240, 33141326, 33182200, 33182300, 33182400

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 17 000 000 GBP and 20 875 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 34 000 000 and 41 750 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Cardiology and Radiology Consumables

1) **Short description**

This lot is for Cardiology and Radiology Consumables and includes: — GUCH (Grown up Congenital Heart); Closure Devices and Sizing Balloons — Vascular Plug — Stents — Guide Wires — Balloons and Cutting Balloons — Catheters — Coils — Flow Diverters — Closure Devices — Sheaths — Embolization Devices — Grafts — Needles — Inflation Devices — Dilators — Connection Tubing — Connectors — Haemostatic Valves — Pericardiocentesis Set — Entrapment Devices — Filters — Mechanical Atherectomy Products — Imaging Products (IVU Catheters) — Renal Denervation Systems — Chronic Total Occlusion Devices — Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implant Systems — Associated Products.

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

33140000, 33100000, 33110000, 33111600, 33111710, 33111720, 33111721, 33111730, 33111740, 33123000, 33123200, 33123210, 33123220, 33123230, 33124000, 33124100, 33124110, 33124120, 33124130, 33124200, 33124210, 33141200, 33141210, 33141220, 33141230, 33141240, 33141310, 33141320, 33141322, 33141323, 33141324, 33141325, 33141326, 33141327, 33141328, 33182000, 33182200, 33182300, 33182400, 33184100

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 120 000 000 GBP and 125 000 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 240 000 000 and 250 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Thoracic and Abdominal Aortic Aneurism Repair

1) **Short description**

This lot is for thoracic and abdominal aortic aneurism repair products and includes: — EVAR (Endovascular Aneurysm Repair), Main Body, Limb, Extension and Cuff — EVAR (Endovascular Aneurysm Repair) Procedural Cost including and excluding a Moulding Balloon — TVAR (Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair), Main Body, Limb, Extension and Cuff — TEVAR (Thoracic Endovascular Aortic Repair) Procedural Cost including and excluding a Moulding Balloon — FEVAR (Fenestrated Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair), Custom and Non-Custom — Associated Products.

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

33184100, 33123000, 33124000, 33124000, 33124100, 33124100, 33124110, 33124110, 33140000, 33182300, 33184200, 33184500

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 70 000 000 GBP and 83 375 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 140 000 000 and 166 750 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Endoscopy Consumables

1) **Short description**

This lot is for Endoscopy Consumables and includes: — Endoscopic Needles — Endoscopic Needle Knife — Biopsy Cap — Endoscopy Balloons — Retrieval Basket/Net — Mouth-guards and Bite Blocks — Cytology Brushes — Cannula — Catheters — Endoscopy Cleaning Accessories — Clips — Dilatation — Dignity/Modesty Shorts — Consumables — Forceps — Guide-wires — Lithotripter — Polyp Trap — Snares — Sphincterotome — Stents — Biopsy Valves — Water Bottle Adapter — Endoscopic Tattooing Marker — Endoscopic Cuff — Associated Products.

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

33168000, 33100000, 33124000, 33124000, 33124100, 33124100, 33124110, 33124110, 33124130, 33124130, 33140000, 33141200, 33141210, 33141230, 33141240, 33141310, 33141320, 33141323, 33168000, 33168100

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 17 000 000 GBP and 18 750 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 34 000 000 and 37 500 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Endourology

1) **Short description**

This lot is for Endourology products and includes: — Catheters — Adapters/Connectors — Biopsy Gun — Cutting Loop — Drainage Bags — Irrigation System — Light Source Kit — Catheter Plug — Stents — Stone Retrieval Devices — Laser Fibers — Ureteral Access Sheath — Associated Products.

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

33125000, 33124000, 33124100, 33124110, 33124120, 33124130, 33140000, 33141200, 33141210, 33141220, 33141240

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 4 200 000GBP and 5 225 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 8 400 000 and 10 450 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Capital Equipment

1) **Short description**

This lot is for Capital Equipment and includes: — Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump — Surgical Ablation Consoles — Pacing System Analyser — Cardiac mapping System — Intra-Cardiac Echocardiatic System — Cardiac Stimulator — Cardiac Ablation System — Rotational Atherectomy System — Intravascular Ultrasound (or IVUS).

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

33100000, 33110000, 33111600, 33111720, 33111721, 33123000, 33123200, 33123210, 33123210, 33123220, 33123230, 33124000, 33124100, 33124110, 33124120, 33124200, 33128000, 33140000, 33182000, 33182200, 33182300, 33182400

3) **Quantity or scope**

'It is anticipated that in the 1st 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 1 700 000 GBP and 2 125 000 GBP. Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a hurdle of at least 40 % when rounded up or down (as the case may be) from 4 decimal places at tender evaluation stage will be appointed to the relevant Line within the Lot of the Framework Agreement. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for 1 or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 3 400 000 and 4 250 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK.'

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.'

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:

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;

— Applicants are required to upload the documents requested at Lot level using the “Supplier Lot Documents” button after selecting the relevant Lot in the “Lot Header” tab;

— 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 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.'

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**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**
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**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: yes

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.3) Administrative information

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

"FAG16231"

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2015/S 118-213252](#) of 20.6.2015

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

26.9.2016 - 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: 180 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 26.9.2016 - 9:00

Place:

As in above mentioned 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

'Applicants should refer to Annex B of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual lots across the Framework Agreement. Applicants may bid for 1 more than 1 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/bulk buy initiatives.

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

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier. Under the Framework Agreement there will be 2 different methods of supply — 1 for Non-Direct Contract Products and 1 for Direct Contract Products.

NHS Supply Chain will be entitled to purchase the supplies and/or services identified in the tender documents as Non-Direct Contract Products which it will then 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.

For the supplies and/or services identified as Direct Contract Products in the tender documents: 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. For Direct Contract Products 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.

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.'

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

Not applicable

Body responsible for mediation procedures

Not applicable

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: 'Appeals to be lodged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).'

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

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

12.8.2016