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**United Kingdom-London: Medical consumables
2020/S 055-131399**

Prior information notice

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Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: NHS Supply Chain Operated by DHL Supply Chain Ltd acting as agent of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

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Address of the buyer profile: <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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Official name: DHL Supply Chain Ltd

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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: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

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:**

Blood Pressure Cuffs and Support Products

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33140000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

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II.1.4) **Short description:**

Blood pressure cuffs are products used in conjunction with blood pressure monitors; these can be supplied as single patient use, multi patient use, accessories relating to cuffs or as a pack containing multiple cuffs and/or accessories. Cuffs are supplied in various sizes, including dual or single hose with various types of connectors. Precise quantities are unknown, it is anticipated that the estimated value of the lifetime of the contract is in the region of GBP 13 000 000 (approximately GBP 3 000 000 to GBP 3 200 000 per annum, on a 2 + 2 year term), however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the framework agreement.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 13 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

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

38423000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

Main site or place of performance:

Various locations in the UK.

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

Blood pressure cuffs including single patient multi use, multi patient use, accessories relating to cuffs or as a pack containing multiple cuffs and/or accessories. Cuffs are supplied in various sizes for example: large adult, adult, child, infant, neonatal, thigh and bariatric forearm, including dual or single hose with various types of connectors.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of GBP 3 000 000 to GBP 3 200 000 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.

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

23/09/2020

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

Section VI: Complementary information

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 with 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 and distribution. 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.

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

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.

Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of GBP 13 000 000 for this contract award, this is approximate only and the values will be to such level as those purchasing under the framework agreement consider necessary to provide suitable requirements.

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.

NHS Supply Chain is currently considering the use of lots for this procurement. However, it reserves the right not to as part of any future tender process. Further information in respect of the lot strategy will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement.

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.

Candidates wishing to complete the request for information must register their expression of interest.

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 and select 'Prior Information Notice' towards the top right of the screen to open the list of new prior information notices.

Expression of interest

- view PIN 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.

Request for information document

- the request for information document will then be sent to you via the Intenda Messaging Centre,
- applicants will then have 4 weeks from the dispatch of this notice to complete and return the request for information document.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
13/03/2020