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**United Kingdom-London: Medical equipments  
2019/S 244-599488**

**Prior information notice**

**This notice is for prior information only**

**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: NHS Supply Chain Operated by Health Solutions Team Ltd acting as agent of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)  
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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>  
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: Health Solutions Team 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:**

Oncology Ablation Devices, Consumables and Associated Equipment

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33100000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Supplies

II.1.4) **Short description:**

NHSSC seeks to establish a non-exclusive framework agreement (FAG) for supply to NHSSC customer base via the E-Direct Route. To supply oncology ablation devices, associated accessories, consumables, maintenance and repair. Products include ablation systems and consumables, ablation probes and generators. certain products within this lot may be classified as high cost tariff excluded devices under the NHS England High Cost Tariff Excluded Devices (HCTED) programme. Trusts who are commissioned to provide specialised services in England are directed to purchase all their requirements through a national supply system through NHS Supply Chain. Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 10 000 000 GBP to 15 000 000 GBP in the first year of this FAG, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the FAG.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 80 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Oncology Ablation Devices, Consumables and Associated Equipment

Lot No: 1

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

33100000

38000000

33165000

33160000

33169000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK

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

Oncology is a branch of medicine that deals with the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. A medical professional who practices oncology is an oncologist.

Tumour Ablation is a minimally invasive surgical method to treat solid cancers. Special probes are used to 'burn' or 'freeze' cancers without the usual surgery. Computed tomography (CT), Ultrasound (US) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is used to guide and position the needle probe into the tumour.

Example of Products included:

- ablation systems and consumables,
- ablation probes,
- generators.

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 10 000 000 GBP to 15 000 000 GBP 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:**

16/07/2020

**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 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 10 000 000 GBP-15 000 000 GBP 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 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.

The framework agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the supplier. Under the framework agreement there will be 2 different methods of supply — one for non-direct contract products and one for direct contract products.

NHS Supply Chain will be entitled to purchase the supplies 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; and/or
- 4) Any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector.

For the supplies 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.

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. The request for information document will then be sent via the Intenda Messaging Centre.

#### 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 'Applicant Dashboard' icon to open the list of new procurement events.

#### 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 until the 10.1.2020 to complete and return the Request for Information document.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
17/12/2019