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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Venepuncture, blood sampling devices
2015/S 132-242795**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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General address of the contracting authority: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>
Electronic access to information: <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Further information can be obtained from:

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:

Blood Collection Systems & Blood Lancets.

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

Framework agreement with several operators

Number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 35

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: 188 500 000 GBP

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

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply to NHS Supply Chain depots via the mandatory Stock and optional Blue Diamond routes and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the optional E-Direct route of:

— Blood collection systems

— Blood lancets

This Framework Agreement is for 2 years with the option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

Please refer to section VI.3 of this notice for additional information. Further information will also be included in the Invitation to Tender document.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

33141300, 33141500, 33141900

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 first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 46 500 000 GBP to 47 100 000 GBP and that the anticipated value if the Framework Agreement is extended to the maximum duration will be circa 188 500 000 GBP. These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information with a forecasted level of growth. The values provided are for guidance only and are not a guarantee of business. The actual value of the Framework Agreement may be less than or exceed the estimated values dependent upon the requirements of those bodies eligible to purchase from the Framework throughout the duration.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 188 500 000 GBP

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of these options: This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend for up to a maximum of 24 months in addition to the initial two year period, upon review.

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: Blood Collection Systems

1) **Short description**

The scope of this Lot is to cover Blood Sample Tubes, Blood Sampling sets, Multisampling needles, Syringe Arterial Blood Sampling Systems, Blood Collection Accessories, and Urine Collection & Analysis Products.

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

33141300, 33141500

3) **Quantity or scope**

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply of Blood Collection Systems to the NHS Supply Chain depots via the mandatory Stock and optional Blue Diamond routes and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the optional E-Direct route.

It is anticipated that initial expenditure for this Lot will be circa 40 000 000 GBP in the first year of the this Framework Agreement and that the anticipated value if the Framework Agreement is extended to the maximum duration will be circa 160 000 000 GBP. However this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirement of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

Applicants that wish to express an interest in this Lot may tender for one more than one or all product lines within this Lot. The product lines within this Lot will be awarded on a line by line basis after evaluation of both the financial and non-financial criteria. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who total score upon evaluation meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % for this Lot of the Framework Agreement.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 160 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Blood Lancets

1) **Short description**

The scope of this Lot is to cover Blood Lancets. Lancing systems are used for performing skin puncture on adults, children and neonates. Using a typical single use lancet the operator has to aim accurately and impact sufficient force and speed to penetrate the correct depth for effective skin puncture. A lancing system consists of a lancing device and lancet blade which automates this procedure.

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

33141900

3) **Quantity or scope**

'NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply of Blood Lancets to the NHS Supply Chain depots via the mandatory Stock and optional Blue Diamond routes and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the optional E-Direct route.

It is anticipated that initial expenditure for this Lot will be in the region of 6 500 000 to 7 100 000 GBP in the first year of the this Framework Agreement and that the anticipated value if the Framework Agreement is extended to the maximum duration will be circa 28 500 000 GBP. However this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirement of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

Applicants that wish to express an interest in this Lot may tender for one more than one or all product lines within this Lot. The product lines within this Lot will be awarded on a line by line basis after evaluation of both the financial and non-financial criteria. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants who total score upon evaluation meets or exceeds the threshold of 40 % for this Lot of the Framework Agreement.'.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 28 500 000 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:**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require parent company or other forms of guarantee. Further details will be set out in the tender documentation as appropriate.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

Details are set out in the tender documentation.

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 one 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 and social 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

The system tasks required to complete the tender are:

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 detailed in the ITT using the “SUPPLIER HEADER DOCUMENTS” button which is located in the “SELECT FRAMEWORK” tab.

The “FRAMEWORK QUESTIONNAIRE” tab has no requirement for completion in this tender.

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.

There are no documents in the “NHS SC LOT DOCUMENTS” tab in the “LOT HEADER” tab for this tender.

The “SUPPLIER LOT DOCUMENTS” button in the “LOT HEADER” tab has no requirement for completion in this tender.

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. Please ensure all fields are complete in particular the mandatory fields.

Applicants are required to answer all mandatory Lot specific questions found in the “LOT EVALUATION CRITERIA” tab.

The “LOT QUESTIONNAIRE” tab has no requirement for completion in this tender.

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.

Finally Applicants are required to click on the “SUBMIT RESPONSE TO SELECTED LOT” button in the “SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)” tab to submit their response for the Lot.

Applicants are able to view their submission using the “SUPPLIER SUBMISSION REPORT” button found in the “SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)” tab. If the Applicant wishes to update their response before the Tender Closing Date and Time is reached it can do so by amending the response and resubmitting. Only the latest submission will be available to NHS Supply Chain after the Tender Closing Date.’

III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Details are set out in the tender documentation.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:
Details are set out in the tender documentation.

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: NHS Supply chain reserves the right to use an e-auction for this Procurement as part of any mini competition processes during the lifetime of the Framework Agreement.

IV.3) **Administrative information**

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

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2014/S 209-369735](#) of 30.10.2014

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**

12.8.2015 - 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: 13.8.2015 - 9:00

Place:

As in abovementioned I.1

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure: 'The NHS Supply Chain contract owner or a duly authorised delegate.'

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

VI.3) Additional information

Scoring Additional Information

Applicants should note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4 is an estimate only. Applicants should refer to section 9 of the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement.

Lot Information

This Procurement will consist of two Lots each Lot being evaluated on a line by line basis. This will ensure that there is open competition against all product lines for all Applicants including SMEs. It is anticipated for each Lot respectively that Applicants whose total score upon evaluation meets or exceeds 40 % will be awarded on a line by line basis to the Framework Agreement.

Savings Additional Information

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.

Framework Agreement Additional Information

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. Tenders and all supporting documentation for the contract must be written in English and must be priced in sterling. 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 in participating or tendering for this Framework. NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to terminate the procurement process (or part of it) and to change the basis of and the procedures for the procurement process at any time. In addition NHS Supply Chain reserves the right 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.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1 NHS Supply Chain does not guarantee any or any level of purchases under the Framework Agreement and advises applicants that the Framework Agreement shall be established on a non-exclusive basis.

Communication Additional Information

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:**

8.7.2015