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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Plastic products
2018/S 095-215055**

Prior information notice

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Supplies

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

- I.1) **Name and addresses**
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- I.2) **Information about joint procurement**
- I.3) **Communication**
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
- 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:**
Aprons including a requirement for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Programme (PIPP)
- II.1.2) **Main CPV code**
19520000
- II.1.3) **Type of contract**
Supplies
- II.1.4) **Short description:**
NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a Framework Agreement for the supply of clear and coloured polythene aprons (including a requirement for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Program (PIPP)).

It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be circa 6 400 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 20 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Aprons
Lot No: 1

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

35113400

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4
Main site or place of performance:
Various Locations in the UK.

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

Clear and coloured polythene aprons.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 3 700 000 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.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Aprons for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Programme (PIPP)
Lot No: 2

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

35113400

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKE4
Main site or place of performance:
Various Locations in the UK.

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

NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) wishes to procure for the benefit of Public Health England and the UK Devolved Administrations (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) polythene aprons to be distributed in the event of a pandemic Influenza outbreak or any other health related emergency across the UK.

The purpose of the framework agreement is to top up the stockpile of products in the event of a pandemic Influenza outbreak or any other health related emergency across the UK. It is anticipated that Applicants will be awarded to the Framework Agreement after meeting or exceeding a set hurdle. Applicants will then participate in an eAuction to determine the Supplier who will have the opportunity to sole supply a committed volume to a DHL (or other nominated) Depot for deep storage across a number of locations in the UK, including but not limited to, Liverpool, Manchester, Whitwood, Bawtry, Stanton, Huntingdon, Lutterworth, Northern

Ireland, Scotland and Wales. After this period subsequent NHS Supply Chain reserve the right to re-open competition to establish further sole supply of committed volumes.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

It is anticipated that expenditure for this Lot will be in the region of 2 700 000 GBP to 2 780 000 GBP excluding VAT, however this is approximate only and the value may vary depending on the requirements of NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA).

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

01/02/2019

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:

— 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.

All applicants must commit to working towards LSAS. Further details about this requirement and timescales can be found in an addendum to this Prior Information Notice (PIN).

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 6 400 000 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 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. 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 “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:**

18/05/2018