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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Stockings
2015/S 249-453944**

Prior information notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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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>

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.B: Object of the contract (Supplies or services)

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:

'Vascular Therapy and Associated Products'.

II.2) Type of contract and place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

'Various locations in UK'.

NUTS code UK,UKE4

II.3) Information on framework agreement

II.4) Short description of nature and quantity or value of supplies or services:

'Vascular Therapy Compression Hosiery & Associated Products including: Anti Embolism Stockings (knee length thigh Length full length tape measures applicators); Intermittent Pneumatic Compression (IPC) Therapy (sleeves/wraps/cuffs tape measures; Electro Stimulation and other alternative methods; Graduated Compression (leg ulcer kits lymphedema garments applicators accessories) together with all associated

products. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of GBP 16 000 000 to GBP 25 000 000 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. Estimated value over the maximum Framework Agreement term (4 years) will be GBP 100 000 000'.

II.5) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

18315000, 35113460, 18300000, 18317000

II.6) **Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

II.7) **Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

II.8) **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 GBP 16 000 000 to GBP 25 000 000 in the first year and approximately GBP 100 000 000 over the maximum four year term for this contract award this is approximate only and the values will be to such levels 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.

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.

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 26.2.2016 to complete and return the Request for Information document.

Estimated date of publication of contract notice — June 2016’.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.1) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

‘N/A’.

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Information about reserved contracts

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

VI.2) Additional information:

VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework

VI.4) Date of dispatch of this notice:

22.12.2015