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**United Kingdom-London: Sharps containers  
2019/S 237-581428**

**Prior information notice**

**This notice is for prior information only**

**Services**

**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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**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:

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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:**

Reusable Waste Container Service

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

33141123

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

NHS Supply Chain is considering the establishment of a framework agreement for a reusable waste container service for healthcare Sharps.

The estimated value over the total framework agreement term is estimated to be in the region of 20 000 000 GBP (Cost ex VAT). It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the framework agreement the value of purchases will be circa 4 000 000 GBP (Cost ex VAT). The figures for the total estimated value is based upon a 4-year term and builds in any forecasted growth as an estimation.

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:**

Reusable Waste Container Service  
Lot No: 1

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

33141123

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:**

This lot would be to provide a managed reusable waste container service for medical sharps at NHS sites. This will include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Provision of different sized reusable sharps clinical waste containers covering waste segregation categories under HTM07-01;
- 2) Associated container accessories;

- 3) A container delivery, removal, waste disposal, cleaning and reprocessing service; and  
4) Customer support including training, site audits and provision of management data associated with all aspects the service provision. For the avoidance of doubt, this framework does not cover the provision for single use sharps and clinical waste containers.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is estimated to be worth 20 000 000 GBP over a 4-year duration. It is anticipated that there will be an initial 36 month contract period, with the option to extend for further 12 months, although these time periods are still to be decided.

The following certification will be a requirement of any 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. Applicants should note that if an applicant intends to commit to obtain ISO 9001 at tender submission then further evidence will be asked for with their bid to provide evidence of their current position in obtaining ISO 9001. The requirement is that ISO 9001 is in place at prior to the commencement of the framework agreement (in order for NHS Supply Chain to trade with the successful applicant).

Evidence of compliance to the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC may be requested as part of your tender response. Applicants will be required to submit the following 2 forms of evidence: a valid, in date CE certificate issued by a notified body covering the scope of products that are to be tendered for and an EC declaration of conformity covering all tendered product lines (please note multiple certificates and declarations are acceptable). There may be no option to commit to obtain the certificates and declarations of conformity.

#### II.2.14) **Additional information**

Evidence of compliance to the specification, applicants may be required to submit ward-ready samples for tendered products.

Product testing may be used at any point during the tender process and/or throughout the life of the framework agreement at the applicants cost.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to re-open competition under this framework agreement with the successfully awarded applicants.

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

18/11/2020

### **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 applicants will need to respond at the appropriate time.

The framework agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful applicants will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from applicants not appointed to the framework agreement at its sole discretion.

NHS Supply Chain expects to provide successful applicants with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and 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; 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.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain would also like to engage with applicants 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 have until the 6.1.2020 to complete and return the request for information document.

In addition, NHS Supply Chain anticipates holding pre-tender meetings with applicants. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Alastair Clay via <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS> to register your attendance.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
04/12/2019