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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Dressings
2016/S 246-450224**

Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

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

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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:

'General Wound Care'.

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

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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

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 100

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in months: 48

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT: 223 300 000 GBP

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

Large range of products to assist healing prevent infection and skin breakage. The Framework Agreement will also include a number of general absorbent products. Categories include: Film Dressings and Associated Products Skin Protectants Medical Adhesive Tapes Non Woven Island Dressings Super Absorbent Dressings Dressings Pads Bandages Medical Swabs Gauze Absorbents Oral Swabs Medical Prep Swabs Nasal Swabs and Tampons Cotton Wool Non-Woven Balls First Aid Kits Plasters Ambulance and Emergency Products and Oral Mucositis and Associated Products.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

33141110, 33141111, 33141113, 33141117, 33141112, 33141114, 33141623, 33000000

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

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 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of 55 825 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 223 300 000 GBP

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of these options: 'This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally on one or more occasions for up to a maximum of 36 months in addition to the initial 12 month period as set out in the Framework Agreement. '

II.2.3) Information about renewals

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Film Dressings and Associated Products

1) **Short description**

A range of film dressings (with and without pad) IV film dressings, fixation devices and products relating to IV.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of £19 600 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 78 400 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK

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Lot No: 2

Lot title: Skin Protectants

1) **Short description**

A range of creams, sprays and films to form a barrier between the skin and contaminants in order to protect the skin.

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

33140000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of £6 000 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 24 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Medical Adhesive Tapes

1) **Short description**

Adhesive medical tapes in a variety of widths and lengths including; cloth, foam, paper, plastic, silicone, silk and zinc oxide based medical tapes.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 3 400 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 13 600 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Non-Woven Island Dressings

1) **Short description**

Sterile non-woven island dressings in a range of sizes.

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

33141110, 33141111

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 1 600 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender.'

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 400 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Super Absorbent Dressings

1) **Short description**

A range of super absorbent dressings, which are either adhesive or non-adhesive and which are in a variety of sizes.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of £4 300 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender'.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 17 200 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Dressing Pads

1) **Short description**

A range of dressing pads which are either sterile or non-sterile and which are in a variety of sizes.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 1 250 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender.'

Estimated value excluding VAT: 5 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Bandages

1) **Short description**

Range of bandages in differing widths and lengths, including cohesive, compression, retention, type 2 support, triangular, zinc paste, stockinette, tubular, elastic adhesive, suspensory and silk bandages and zinc oxide impregnated medicated stockings.

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

33141113

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 13 500 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on an average basket basis and Applicants must be able to provide at least 1 of the goods which are in the basket. All Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and whose score meets or exceeds a hurdle of at least 50 % (when rounded up or down to two decimal places) will be appointed to that Lot.

Applicants must submit for all lines that they have products available for at the point of tender'.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 54 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Medical Swabs

1) **Short description**

A range of medical swabs in differing sizes either sterile or non-sterile including; non-woven swabs, gauze swabs and x-ray detectable swabs.

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

33141114

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 4 370 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Appointment within the Lot will be made on a full basket basis and all Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach over a score of 50 % will be appointed to this Lot. After award an eAuction will take place in order to establish the top 3 suppliers to trade with for the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement plus a further 12 months subject to extension. NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to reopen competition in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 7 of Appendix 4 of this Invitation to Tender. '

Estimated value excluding VAT: 17 480 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 9

Lot title: Gauze Absorbents

1) **Short description**

A range of absorbent medical gauze products including but not limited to; gauze roll, gauze and cotton, dental absorbent gauze, and gauze absorbent ribbon.

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

33141114

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 320 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 280 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 10

Lot title: Oral Swabs

1) **Short description**

Range of products for oral use including foam applicators and flavored glycerin swabs.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 280 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 120 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 11

Lot title: Medical Prep Swabs

1) **Short description**

A range of products for Skin Preparation including Foams and Sponges.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 6 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.'

Estimated value excluding VAT: 24 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 12

Lot title: Nasal Swabs and Nasal Tampons

1) **Short description**

A range of nasal products including cotton tipped applicators, nasal tampons and nasal packs for epistaxis.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 40 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 160 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 13

Lot title: Cotton Wool

1) **Short description**

A range of cotton wool products in the form of cotton wool rolls, cotton wool balls and cotton wool dental rolls.

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

33141117

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 350 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 400 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 14

Lot title: Non-Woven Balls

1) **Short description**

Non-woven balls in a range of sizes, sterile and non-sterile.

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

33141110

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 62 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 248 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 15

Lot title: First Aid Kits

1) **Short description**

First aid kits for the workplace, catering etc. Also bespoke kits where the customer specifies the contents.

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

33141623

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 59 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants to supply all Goods detailed in the Basket after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 236 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 16

Lot title: Plasters

1) **Short description**

A variety of plasters in varying assortments and pack sizes.

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

33141112

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of £123 000 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants to supply all Goods detailed in the Basket after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim.

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 492 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 17

Lot title: Ambulance and Emergency Products

- 1) **Short description**
A variety of products intended for use in ambulances and in emergency response situations.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
33141110
- 3) **Quantity or scope**
'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 465 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.
Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach over a score of 50 % or over will be appointed to that Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.
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Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 860 000 GBP
- 4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**
- 5) **Additional information about lots**
'NUTS Code: UK'.

Lot No: 18

Lot title: Oral Mucositis and Associated Products

- 1) **Short description**
A variety of products intended for specific use in the prevention, treatment and/or management of Oral Mucositis.
- 2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**
33000000
- 3) **Quantity or scope**
'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be in the region of 100 000 GBP however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.
Appointment within the Lot will be made on a Line by Line basis and all Applicants who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach over a score of 50 % or over will be appointed to that Line within the Lot. Applicants should note that they may therefore be appointed for one or a number of the Lines across this Lot and should refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information in respect of this.
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Estimated value excluding VAT: 400 000 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:**

'Parent company or other guarantees may be required in certain circumstances. Further details will be in the tender documents.

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

'Please see tender documents.

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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.

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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 issues and a requirement for successful Applicants to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct together with contractual obligations in relation to the Labour Standards Assurance System.

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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

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 requested using the “supplier header documents” button which is located in the “select framework” tab.

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.
- 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.
- Applicants are required to answer all mandatory Lot specific questions found in the “lot evaluation criteria” tab.
- 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.
- Accept the ISS “terms and conditions” button to access this function.
- Submit Lot response by clicking on the “submit response to selected lot” button in the “submit individual lot response(s)” tab to submit response for the Lot. Each Lot must be submitted independently.
- Applicants are able to view their submission using the “supplier submission report” button found in the “submit individual lot response(s)” tab.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

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: 'An electronic auction (eAuction) will be used to award all or part of the requirements of the Framework Agreement. The use of eAuctions may also be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the Framework Agreement.

Lots 9 -14 Appointment within the Lots will take place on a line by line basis. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises (as further particularised in the Framework Agreement) and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim.

Lots 15 and 16: Applicants must be able to provide all of the Goods which are in the basket. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the lowest three scoring Applicants to supply all Goods detailed in the Basket after the eAuction to each relevant Lot of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain will only trade with the lowest scoring Applicant except in the instance of where a supply issue arises and then the 2nd and/or 3rd Applicant may be asked to supply in the interim.

Lot 8: An eAuction will take place after the award of the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing the top 3 ranking Applicants per basket after the eAuction to supply the Goods within this Lot for a minimum of twelve months (subject always to NHS Supply Chain having the option to extend that period for a further twelve months).

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to reopen competition in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 7 of Appendix 4 of this Invitation to Tender.

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IV.3) Administrative information

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

"FAG16486"

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJEU: [2015/S 174-316126](#) of 9.9.2015

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

16.1.2017 - 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: 200 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 17.1.2017 - 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: 'Only the NHS Supply Chain contract owner or delegate

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Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

VI.2) Information about European Union funds

VI.3) Additional information

'Applicants should refer to Annex B of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual lots across the Framework Agreement. Applicants may bid for one more than one or all of the Lots and Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for more information in respect of this.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to purchase supplies from the Framework Agreement resulting from this procurement process for the stockpile that NHS Supply Chain holds for the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Programme ("PIPP"). In such case the PIPP stock is held in deep storage meaning the products will be held palletised in standard racking for the duration of their shelf life and the products will only be issued in the event of a flu pandemic.

The term of contracts formed under the Framework Agreement may continue beyond the end of the term of the Framework Agreement itself. Applicants are likely to want to offer additional savings to Customers through the provision of discounted pricing value added offerings commitment bulk buy initiatives occasional special offers for instance in relation to new product introductions NHS year-end spend and market growth incentives. Such commitment deals and/or offers may include (but shall not be limited to) the provision of direct rebates (as further defined in paragraph 8.8 (below)) from the Applicant to either or both of NHS Supply Chain and the NHS Supply Chain customer as more particularly set out in Schedule 7 of the Framework Agreement.

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.

Non-Direct Contract Products

Film Dressings and Associated Products

Skin Protectants

Medical Adhesive Tapes

Non-Woven Island Dressings

Super Absorbent Dressings

Dressing Pads

Bandages

Medical Swabs

Gauze Absorbents

Oral Swabs

Medical Prep Swabs

Nasal Swabs and Nasal Tampons

Cotton Wool

Non-Woven Balls

First Aid Kits

Plasters

Ambulance and Emergency Products

Oral Mucositis and Associated Products

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1 NHS Supply Chain does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework and advises Applicants that the framework shall be established on a non-exclusive basis.

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

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.

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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.

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VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

16.12.2016