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**United Kingdom-Chester: Water distribution and related services  
2020/S 152-373611**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Postal address: Liverpool Road

Town: Chester

NUTS code: UKD63 Cheshire West and Chester

Postal code: CH2 1UL

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [info@coch-cps.co.uk](mailto:info@coch-cps.co.uk)

Telephone: +44 1244365143

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.coch.nhs.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: The eligible users of the proposed framework agreement are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge at: [www.nhssourcing.co.uk](http://www.nhssourcing.co.uk)

Town: UK

NUTS code: UK UNITED KINGDOM

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [info@coch-cps.co.uk](mailto:info@coch-cps.co.uk)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [www.nhssourcing.co.uk](http://www.nhssourcing.co.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: [www.nhssourcing.co.uk](http://www.nhssourcing.co.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: [www.nhssourcing.co.uk](http://www.nhssourcing.co.uk)

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title:**

Supply of Water and Wastewater Retail Services Framework Agreement  
Reference number: F/070/WAT/20/IB

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

65100000 Water distribution and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description:**

The Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, through its commercial procurement services and working in collaboration with Inspired Energy plc, wishes to award a multi-supplier national framework agreement for the supply of water retail services.

The framework will have two lots:

- Lot 1: Supply of Water and Waste-water Retail Services in England and Wales;
- Lot 2: Supply of Water and Waste-water Retail Services in Scotland.

Tenders may be submitted for one or both lots.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 200 000 000.00 GBP

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title:**

Supply of Water and Waste-water Retail Services in England and Wales  
Lot No: 1

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

65100000 Water distribution and related services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKC NORTH EAST (ENGLAND)

NUTS code: UKD NORTH WEST (ENGLAND)

NUTS code: UKE YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

NUTS code: UKF EAST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

NUTS code: UKG WEST MIDLANDS (ENGLAND)

NUTS code: UKH EAST OF ENGLAND

NUTS code: UKI LONDON

NUTS code: UKJ SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)

NUTS code: UKK SOUTH WEST (ENGLAND)

NUTS code: UKL WALES

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

Providers will supply water and waste-water retail services to eligible non-household customers in accordance with the Water Act 2014 (and as amended) and all other applicable Regulations and Market Codes.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

- II.2.6) **Estimated value**  
Value excluding VAT: 200 000 000.00 GBP
- II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**  
Duration in months: 24  
This contract is subject to renewal: yes  
Description of renewals:  
The framework agreement will run for a 2-year term with the option to extend up to a date no later than 31 March 2024. Call-off contracts may exceed the initial 2-year period (or any agreed extension) provided that contracts are awarded within the framework agreement term and that no contract end date exceeds 31 March 2024.
- II.2.10) **Information about variants**  
Variants will be accepted: yes
- II.2.11) **Information about options**  
Options: yes  
Description of options:  
The framework agreement will run for a 2-year term with the option to extend up to a date no later than 31 March 2024. Call-off contracts may exceed the initial 2-year period (or any agreed extension) provided that contracts are awarded within the framework agreement term and that no contract end date exceeds 31 March 2024.
- II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**
- II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**  
The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no
- II.2.14) **Additional information**
- II.2) **Description**
- II.2.1) **Title:**  
Supply of Water and Waste-water Retail Services in Scotland  
Lot No: 2
- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**  
65100000 Water distribution and related services
- II.2.3) **Place of performance**  
NUTS code: UKM SCOTLAND
- II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**  
Providers will supply water and waste-water retail services to eligible non-household customers in accordance with the water services, etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (and as amended) and all other applicable Market Codes.
- II.2.5) **Award criteria**  
Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents
- II.2.6) **Estimated value**  
Value excluding VAT: 200 000 000.00 GBP
- II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**  
Duration in months: 24  
This contract is subject to renewal: yes  
Description of renewals:  
The framework agreement will run for a two year term with the option to extend up to a date no later than 31 March 2024. Call-off contracts may exceed the initial 2-year period (or any agreed extension) provided that

contracts are awarded within the framework agreement term and that no contract end date exceeds 31 March 2024.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

The framework agreement will run for a 2-year term with the option to extend up to a date no later than 31 March 2024. Call-off contracts may exceed the initial 2-year period (or any agreed extension) provided that contracts are awarded within the framework agreement term and that no contract end date exceeds 31 March 2024.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

II.2.14) **Additional information**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

III.1) **Conditions for participation**

III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

Suppliers appointed to lot 1 must hold and maintain through the term of this framework agreement and any call-off contracts a wholesale contract applicable to each and every region in which the provider offers to supply water and waste-water retail services.

Suppliers appointed to lot 2 must hold and maintain through the term of this framework agreement and any call-off contracts a valid general licence for retail water services in Scotland formally granted by the Scottish regulator, the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS), in accordance with the Water Services, etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (and as amended).

III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**

III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**

III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**

III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**

III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

**Section IV: Procedure**

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Open procedure

IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction:

Electronic auctions may be used for further competitions.

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 02/09/2020

Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 04/09/2020

Local time: 14:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) **Additional information:**

Suppliers instructions how to express interest and bid for this tender.

- 1) Browse to the esourcing portal <https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk> and click on view current opportunities.
- 2) Select the title of the ITT.
- 3) Review the ITT, framework agreement specification, prerequisites and list of eligible users (you may do this without registering).
- 4) Register your organisation on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once).
- 5) Accept the portal terms and conditions and click 'continue', enter your organisation and user details. Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete. You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure).
- 6) Login to the portal with the username/password.
- 7) Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are pre-qualification questionnaires or invitations to tender open to any registered supplier).
- 8) Click on the relevant PQQ/ITT to access the content.
- 9) Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the PQQ/ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only). You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ITT Details' box.
- 10) Responding to the ITT.  
Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining). You can now use the messages function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification. Note the deadline for completion, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the ITT There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available). You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Royal Courts of Justice  
Town: London  
Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

03/08/2020