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**United Kingdom-Normanton: Beds for medical use  
2016/S 183-328754**

**Contract notice**

**Supplies**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: [www.supplychain.nhs.uk](http://www.supplychain.nhs.uk)

**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/>

**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:**

'Pressure Area Care and Patient Handling including Beds Mattresses Cushions Hoists Slings Slide Sheets Associated Accessories Rental and Decontamination'.

**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.

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: 50

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 24

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

Estimated value excluding VAT: 102 300 000 GBP

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

The Framework Agreement is for the supply of pressure area care and patient handling products including but not limited to specialist beds acute and community beds bariatric beds foam mattresses dynamic mattresses hybrid mattresses cushions pressure area care prevention and support aids hoists slings slide sheets standing aids transfer equipment bathing equipment and decontamination and rental services.

This Framework Agreement is for 24 months with the option to extend in incremental stages for up to a total period of 48 months.

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

33192100, 33192120, 33192130, 33192150, 39143116, 39143112, 39143111, 34946240, 39516110, 33192600, 39541220, 42416300, 44411200, 33190000, 39512100, 50421000

**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 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be circa £44 210 000 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: 102 300 000 GBP

**II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of these options: 'This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a further period of up to 24 months in addition to the initial 24 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: 24 (from the award of the contract)

**Information about lots**

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Specialist Beds and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for Specialist Beds. Products within this Lot include, but shall not be limited to: spinal beds; therapy, rotational/respiratory beds; critical care beds; therapy beds; turning beds; and related accessories.

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

33192100, 33192120, 33192130, 33192150, 39143116

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 500 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Standard Electric Profiling Beds including Low Beds/Cots/Paediatric and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for standard electric profiling beds. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: general 4 section acute profiling beds; general community beds; cots; paediatric beds; low height beds; and related accessories.

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

33192100, 33192120, 33192130

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 15 000 000 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: Foam Mattresses

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for foam mattresses suitable for use as a standard mattress for patients. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: standard pressure redistribution foam mattresses; memory foam mattresses; and foam overlays.

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

39143112, 39143111

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 3 000 000 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 Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Bariatric Beds, Mattresses and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for bariatric beds, mattresses and their associated accessories used for very heavy patients who exceed the safe working load and dimensions of the standard hospital bed. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: acute bariatric beds; community bariatric beds; and standard pressure redistributing foam bariatric mattresses.

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

33192100, 33192120, 33192130, 39143111

3) **Quantity or scope**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 800 000 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 Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 1 600 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Dynamic Mattresses and Overlay Systems

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for dynamic mattresses and overlay systems for pressure relief / redistribution and prevention/ management of pressure ulcers. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: alternating pressure mattress replacements; dual mode dynamic mattress replacements; alternating pressure overlays; and low air loss mattress replacements.

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

39143112, 39143111

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 8 200 000 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: Hybrid Pressure Reducing Mattresses and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for hybrid pressure reducing mattresses used for pressure redistribution and prevention of pressure ulcers. Mattresses in this Lot will be used as a standard mattress for patients. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to active foam mattresses.

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

39143112

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 550 000 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 Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 1 000 000 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: Non Powered Re-Distributing Mattresses and Overlays

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for non-powered re-distributing mattresses and overlays for pressure relief and prevention/ management of pressure ulcers by increasing contact area and reducing interface pressures to reduce shear and friction forces. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: gel mattresses; and air filled mattresses.

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

39143112, 39143111

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 2 500 000 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: Cushions, Pressure Relieving Chairs and Associated Products

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for cushions used for comfort, postural control and or pressure distribution. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: dynamic cushions; and static seat cushions.

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

34946240, 39516110

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 3 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 9

Lot title: Prevention and Support Aids

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for prevention and support aids suitable for reduction in risk of pressure sores. Products within this Lot including but not limited to: bootees / foot protectors; positioners; leg troughs; and wedges.

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

34946240

3) **Quantity or scope**

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Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 10

Lot title: Hoist Equipment and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for Hoists, Equipment and Accessories that allow patients in hospitals and nursing homes, and those receiving home health care to be transferred between a bed and a chair or other similar resting place. Products within this Lot include, but shall not be limited to: mobile hoists — electrical and hydraulic; spreader bars; and scales.

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

33192600, 39541220, 42416300

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 7 250 000 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 a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 17 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 11

Lot title: Standing Aids — Manual and Electric and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for Standing Aids and Accessories used for standing transfers, weight bearing exercise and other rehabilitation functions. Products within this Lot include but shall not be limited to: standing aids — manual and electric; and related accessories for example seat straps, arm straps and knee straps.

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

33192600, 39541220

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 595 000 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 Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 1 500 000 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: Bathing Equipment and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for bathing equipment and accessories including but not limited to: variable height baths; shower chairs; shower/changing trolleys; and manual bath hoists for chair/bed to bath transfers.

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

33192600, 44411200, 39541220

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 365 000 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 Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 1 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 13

Lot title: Transfer Equipment

1) **Short description**

This lot is for transfer equipment including but not limited to: air assisted lifting/transfer devices; patient transfer boards; and patient turntables.

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

33190000, 39512100

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 3 250 000 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 a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 8 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 14

Lot title: Slings and Accessories

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for Slings and Accessories that allow patients in hospitals and nursing homes, and those receiving home health care to be transferred between a bed and a chair or other similar resting place. Products within this Lot include, but shall not be limited to: loop slings for use with hoists; clip slings for use with hoists; and high back slings for use with hoists.

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

33192600, 39541220, 42416300

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 3 250 000 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 a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 7 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 15

Lot title: Slide Sheets

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for Slide Sheets including but not limited to reusable and disposable slide sheets.

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

33190000, 39512100

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 2 500 000 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 a Line by Line basis and all Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 7 000 000 GBP

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

5) **Additional information about lots**

NUTS Code: UK.

Lot No: 16

Lot title: Rental and Decontamination

1) **Short description**

This Lot is for the provision of rental and decontamination services for pressure area care and patient handling products.

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

50421000

3) **Quantity or scope**

'This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first 24 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases for this lot will be circa 6 150 000 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 Suppliers who meet the minimum requirements which are set out in the Invitation to Tender and who reach a score of 40 % 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: 14 000 000 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 Suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

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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 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.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in II.1.4 is an estimate only.

Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the Suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement. NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to appoint more suppliers to the Framework Agreement in the event that more than 50 reach the minimum score for appointment which is set out in the Invitation to Tender.

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.’.

### 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**
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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: 'Although an electronic auction will not be used to award all or part of the requirements of the Framework Agreement the use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the Framework Agreement  
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- IV.3) **Administrative information**
- IV.3.1) **File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**
- IV.3.2) **Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**  
**Prior information notice**  
Notice number in the OJEU: [2015/S 178-322998](#) of 15.9.2015
- 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**  
20.10.2016 - 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: 210 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
- IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**  
Date: 21.10.2016 - 9:00  
Place:  
As in above mentioned 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 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. The term of contracts formed under the Framework Agreement may continue beyond the end of the term of the Framework Agreement itself. NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier. Under the Framework Agreement there will be two different methods of supply — one for Non-Direct Contract Products and one for Direct Contract Products. NHS Supply Chain will be entitled to purchase the supplies and/or services identified in the tender documents as Non-Direct Contract Products which it will then 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. For the supplies and/or services identified as Direct Contract Products in the tender documents 1) NHS Supply Chain; 2) any NHS Trust; 3) any other NHS entity; 4) any government department agency or other statutory body and/or 5) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector will be able to enter into a direct contract with the Supplier for any of the supplies and/or services under the Framework. For Direct Contract Products the Supplier will be required to report to and pay a direct contract management fee to NHS Supply Chain as detailed in the tender documents. 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.'

**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 (as amended)

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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:**

20.9.2016