

CONTRACT NOTICE TYPE : SUPPLIES**SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY****I.1) Name, address and contact point(s)**

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Electronic access to information; <http://procurement.supplychain.nhs.uk/ISS/>

Further information can be obtained at:

Other: please complete Annex A.I

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:

Other: please complete Annex A.II

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

Other: please complete Annex A.III

I.2) Type of the contracting authority and main activity or activities**TYPE AND ACTIVITIES**

National or federal agency / office

Health

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities : YES

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT**II.1) DESCRIPTION****TITLE CONTRACT**

Electrodes, Gels and Related Consumables

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

(b) Supplies

Purchase

SITE OR LOCATION

Various locations in UK

NUTS CODE: UK

II.1.3) The notice involves - The establishment of a framework agreement**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement (if applicable)**

FRAMEWORK DURATION YEAR(s): 2

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

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CURRENCY: GBP

Range between 35,654,224
and 38,691,016

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

Non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock and Blue Diamond Routes and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the E-Direct Route of ECG and Ultrasound Gels, ECG Monitoring Electrodes, Diagnostic Tab Electrodes and Related Consumables and Neurology Electrodes, Foetal Monitoring Electrodes and Related Consumables.

II.1.6) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV)

CPV CODE: 31711140
CPV CODE: 33182100
CPV CODE: 33124120
CPV CODE: 33123230
CPV CODE: 33124000
CPV CODE: 33123200
CPV CODE: 33123210
CPV CODE: 33123220
CPV CODE: 33112000
CPV CODE: 33112300
CPV CODE: 33121500

II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) - YES

II.1.8) Division into lots:

DIVIDED INTO LOT(s): YES -ONE OR MORE LOT

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted - YES

II.2) Quantity or Scope of the contract

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 year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of £8,913,556 to £9,672,754 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

CURRENCY: GBP

RANGE VALUE COST

Range between £35,654,224
and £38,691,016

II.2.2) Options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend for a maximum of 24 months in addition to the initial two year period upon review.

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

MONTHS: 24

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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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.

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

Please see tender documents.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping 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.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject - YES

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.

III.2) Conditions for Participation

III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

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/> .

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- 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

The following must be completed using NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal. Applicants should not use e-mail to submit their responses. Instructions for accurate submission are contained on the NHS Supply Chain procurement portal.

Access to this system will be granted when Applicants have expressed an interest to a Contract Notice on the NHS Supply Chain procurement portal using the ISS System.

Tasks to complete on the system:

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 detailed at Section 8.2 of the ITT using the 'SUPPLIER HEADER DOCUMENTS' button, which is located in the 'SELECT FRAMEWORK' tab.
- The 'FRAMEWORK QUESTIONNAIRE' tab has no requirement for completion in this tender.

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.

- There are no documents in the 'NHS SC LOT DOCUMENTS' tab in the 'LOT HEADER' tab for this tender.
- Applicants are required to upload the documents detailed at Section 8.6 of the ITT at Lot level using the 'SUPPLIER LOT DOCUMENTS' button after selecting the relevant Lot in the 'LOT HEADER' tab.
- 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 and detailed in Section 8.7 of the ITT.
- Applicants are required to answer all mandatory Lot specific questions found in the 'LOT EVALUATION' tab.
- The 'LOT QUESTIONNAIRE' tab has no requirement for completion in this tender.

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.

** FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN V1.3 **

SECTION IV) PROCEDURE

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Open

IV.2) Award Criteria

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or 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) An Electronic auction will be used

The use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any mini competition process.

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FAG16114

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

dd/mm/yyyy :27/7/2015

Time: 15:00

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

EN

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender (open procedure)

PERIOD IN DAY(s): 180

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders

dd/mm/yyyy :28/7/2015

Time: 09:00

PLACE OPENING

As in abovementioned I.1

EXISTENCE AUTHORISED PERSONS

Only the NHS Supply Chain contract owner or delegate.

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SECTION VI COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**** TENDER RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED ****

Finally, Applicants are required to click on the 'SUBMIT RESPONSE TO SELECTED LOT' button in the 'SUBMIT INDIVIDUAL LOT RESPONSE(S)' tab to submit their response for the Lot.

The actions detailed above (Sections 8.4 to 8.11 of the ITT) must be repeated for each individual Lot an Applicant wishes to respond to.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 expects to provide successful suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and commitment/bulk buy initiatives.

NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

Tenderers should refer to Section 9 of the Invitation to Tender for details of the scoring process to be used to assess the suppliers to be appointed to the Framework Agreement.

Tenderers should note that for all Lots it is anticipated that more than one supplier will be appointed to each of the Product Lines within the Lots. Tenderers should therefore note that they may be appointed across one or a number of these Product Lines within these Lots.

All 3 Lots will be evaluated on a product line by product line basis. All Applicants whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 50% when rounded off to the nearest whole number, will be awarded to the Framework Agreement for that product line.

Where an Original Equipment Manufacturer ("OEM") and a distributor or more than one distributor have tendered for the same Lot and/or 'brand' /product line(s) and are successful at tender stage, NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to award the Lot and/or 'brand'/product line(s) to the most economically advantageous Tender between that of the OEM and distributor or between distributors.

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.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used.

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 incurred by those expressing an interest in 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

Organisation: Not applicable

Body responsible for mediation procedures (if applicable)

Organisation: Not applicable

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals (please fill heading VI.4.2 OR if need be, heading VI.4.3)

Appeals to be lodged in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice (26/6/2015)

ANNEX A: ADDITIONAL ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS

I) Addresses and contact points from which further information can be obtained

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II) Addresses and contact points from which specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue as well as a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained

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III) Addresses and contact points to which tenders / requests to participate must be sent

Organisation: NHS Supply Chain acting as agent for NHS Business Services Authority

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ANNEX B

LOT NO: 1

TITLE: ECG and Ultrasound Gels

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SHORT DESCRIPTION: Gels used for ECG and Ultrasounds.

COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV):

CPV CODE: 31711140

CPV CODE: 33182100

CPV CODE: 33112000

3) Quantity or scope

TOTAL QUANTITY OR SCOPE

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of £568,140 to £659,185 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Applicants may tender for one, more than one, or all of the Goods within this Lot. The product lines within this Lot will be awarded on a product line by product line basis.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 50%, when rounded off to the nearest whole number, to the Framework Agreement for each product line within this Lot. Applicants' scores will be rounded in the manner described in the Invitation to Tender.

More than one supplier may be appointed across each of the Line Items within this Lot. Tenderers should note that they may, therefore, be appointed for one or a number of the Line Items across this Lot.

CURRENCY: GBP

RANGE VALUE COST

Range between £2,272,560

and £2,636,740

NUTS Code: UK

ANNEX B

LOT NO: 2

TITLE: ECG Monitoring Electrodes, Diagnostic Tab Electrodes and Related Consumables

SHORT DESCRIPTION: ECG electrodes including wet and solid gel for short term and long term monitoring. Used for monitoring diagnostic or stress/ holster testing. Skin preparation products prior to placing electrodes and related consumables. Diagnostic Tab Electrodes and Related Consumables.

COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV):

CPV CODE: 31711140

CPV CODE: 33123230

CPV CODE: 33123200

CPV CODE: 33123210

3) Quantity or scope

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TOTAL QUANTITY OR SCOPE

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of £7,172,603 to £7,728,705 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Applicants may tender for one, more than one, or all of the Goods within this Lot. The product lines within this Lot will be awarded on a product line by product line basis.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 50%, when rounded off to the nearest whole number, to the Framework Agreement for each product line within this Lot. Applicants' scores will be rounded in the manner described in the Invitation to Tender.

More than one supplier may be appointed across each of the Line Items within this Lot. Tenderers should note that they may, therefore, be appointed for one or a number of the Line Items across this Lot.

CURRENCY: GBP

RANGE VALUE COST

Range between £28,690,412

and £30,914,818

NUTS Code: UK

ANNEX B**LOT NO: 3**

TITLE: Neurology Electrodes, Foetal Monitoring Electrodes and Related Consumables

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Neurology electrodes including cup electrodes ground electrodes concentric needles injection/ hypodermic needles cables and related consumables. Foetal scalp electrodes including hook style foetal electrodes spiral style foetal electrodes foetal belts cables legplate adaptors and related consumables.

COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV):

CPV CODE: 31711140

CPV CODE: 33112300

3) Quantity or scope**TOTAL QUANTITY OR SCOPE**

This is an estimate only as precise quantities of likely purchases are unknown. It is anticipated that in the first year of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be in the region of £1,172,813 to £1,284,865 however this is approximate only. The figures below for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure.

Applicants may tender for one, more than one, or all of the Goods within this Lot. The product

lines within this Lot will be awarded on a product line by product line basis.

NHS Supply Chain anticipates appointing all Applicants whose total score meets or exceeds the threshold of 50%, when rounded off to the nearest whole number, to the Framework Agreement for each product line within this Lot. Applicants' scores will be rounded in the manner described in the Invitation to Tender.

More than one supplier may be appointed across each of the Line Items within this Lot. Tenderers should note that they may, therefore, be appointed for one or a number of the Line Items across this Lot.

CURRENCY: GBP

RANGE VALUE COST

Range between £4,691,252

and £5,139,458

NUTS Code: UK