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## **Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products**

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Nottingham

NG2 4LA

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Callie Barry

#### **Email**

[callie.barry1@supplychain.nhs.uk](mailto:callie.barry1@supplychain.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI4 - Inner London – East

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road

London

SE1 8UG

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UKF14 - Nottingham

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Buyer's address

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products

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

- 33194000 - Devices and instruments for transfusion and infusion

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

Supplies

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

The NHS Supply Chain Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products Framework is intended to cover Needlefree connectors, extension sets and accessories . It is anticipated in the first year that spend will be approximately £30,000,000 GBP, however this is approximate only and may vary depending on requirements of bodies purchasing under the Framework. The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies from suppliers not appointed to the Framework at its sole discretion.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase supplies which it will make available for purchase by 1) any NHS Trust; 2) any other NHS entity; 3) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

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

Value excluding VAT: £115,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

3

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

## **II.2) Description**

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

Needle-free Valve and Connectors

Lot No

Lot 1

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

- 33194100 - Devices and instruments for infusion
- 33194120 - Infusion supplies
- 33194200 - Devices and instruments for transfusion

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

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

A small, stand-alone, Luer-activated needleless plastic valve intended to mate two related intravenous (IV) line devices [e.g., hypodermic syringe and catheter port or tubing from an IV administration set] and hold them in a secured, sealed, locked position until disconnection. It is a device that allow connection of a syringe to a vascular access device whilst eliminating the use of needles when administering fluids or medication to a patient.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 75

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months

### **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**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £7,500,000 in the first year for Lot 1 of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Needle-free Extension Sets.

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 33194100 - Devices and instruments for infusion
- 33194120 - Infusion supplies
- 33194200 - Devices and instruments for transfusion

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

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

A collection of tubing/s with integrated needle-free connector and valve, intended to establish an extension to allow repeated access to the intravenous system eliminating the use of needles. For example these may be made from either Polyethylene, Polyethylene lined PVC, PVC, or Polyurethane.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 75

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £75,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months

#### **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**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £18,750,000 in the first year for Lot 2 of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

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

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

Needle-free accessories, associated products and Closed System Transfer Devices

Lot No

Lot 3

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

- 33194100 - Devices and instruments for infusion
- 33194120 - Infusion supplies
- 33194200 - Devices and instruments for transfusion

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

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

Disinfection Caps (Luer-formatted disinfection caps)

A small, non-invasive, closed-ended Luer attachment intended to be attached to a connector in an intravenous line (e.g., needleless valve, Luer access valve, male Luer connector) to disinfect the valve surface and/or maintain disinfection, and for protection. For Example, a synthetic polymer cap containing a foam material saturated with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) as the disinfectant; it may contain other components. Closed System transfer devices (CSTD) - These are medication transfer sterile devices designed to transfer parenteral medications(e.g., intravenous (IV) fluids, drugs] between a first container(s) [e.g., a vial(s) and a second container or administration line (e.g., an IV bag/line) in a non-powered closed system; it may also be used to compound and/or reconstitute medication for its preparation and administration. It is available in a variety of configurations and typically includes vials, tubes, connectors, spikes, syringes, and caps. This is a single-use device.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 75

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months

**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**

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £2,500,000 in the first year for Lot 1 of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

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## **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

Applicants should refer to II.2 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.

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 initiatives.

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

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. 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 <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in IV.1.3 is an estimate only.

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.2) Contract performance 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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## **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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 25

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

An electronic auction will be used

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.

#### **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**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-020325](#)

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

Date

7 February 2024

Local time

3:00pm

#### **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: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

8 February 2024

Local time

9:00am

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## **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**

Submission of expression of interest and procurement specific information:

This procurement exercise will be conducted on the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal at

<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>

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 <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//> 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 <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>
- Click on ITTs Open to All Suppliers.
- Select from the following ITTs:

ITT\_1159 Needlefree Connection Systems and Associated Products

ITT\_1160 - Lot 1 - Needle-free Valve and Connectors

ITT\_1161 - Lot 2 - Needle-free Extension Sets.

ITT\_1162 - Lot 3 - Needle-free accessories, associated products and Closed System Transfer Devices

Please note: you must respond to IT\_1120 In addition to any lots you intend to respond to.

- Click on Express Interest.
- If you intend to respond select Intend to Respond.

Applicants are encouraged to download the supplier handbook located within the eProcurement portal by following the 'Supplier Helpcentre' link within the Useful Links section of the Dashboard.

For any technical help with the portal please contact:

Tel: 0800 069 8630 or email: [help\\_uk@jaggaer.com](mailto:help_uk@jaggaer.com)

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Appeals to be logged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)