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Tender

## **Framework Agreement for the Supply and Rental of Medical Gases, Cylinders, Associated Consumables and Services**

HealthTrust Europe LLP (HTE) acting as agent for the University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (“UHCW”)

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

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

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for the Supply and Rental of Medical Gases, Cylinders, Associated Consumables and Services

Reference number

SF052815

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24111500 - Medical gases

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

HealthTrust Europe are seeking to establish a framework agreement for the supply and rental of medical gases, cylinders, associated consumables and devices. The agreement will be split into three (3) lots: Lot 1: Medical Gases, Cylinders, Associated Consumables and Services; Lot 2: Nitric Oxide, Cylinders, Monitoring and Delivery Devices; Lot 3: Mini Competition. In addition to the above, the successful tenderer will be expected to provide services associated to each lot, including training, maintenance and repair. Suppliers should express interest to the lots they wish to participate in within the quality envelope, where a supplier has not confirmed they would be requested to clarify/be omitted.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

### II.2) Description

**II.2.1) Title**

Medical Gases, Cylinders, Associated Consumables and Services

Lot No

1

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

- 24111500 - Medical gases

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

This lot is for the supply and rental of medical gases, cylinders, associated consumables and services. Medical gases are medicinal products under the Medicines Act 1968.

Tenderers will be required to supply cylinders containing a variety of medical gases and have the capability to offer participating authorities collection and refill services. Gases include but are not limited to:

- medical oxygen,
- medical nitrous oxide,
- medical nitrogen,
- medical air,
- medical carbon dioxide,
- medical helium,
- medical argon,
- other specialty gases.

For further information please refer to the specification 'Lot 1 — Medical Gases, Cylinders, Associated Consumables and Devices'.

## Terms and conditions/activity based income (ABI)

The terms and conditions of this framework agreement and any resulting call-off contract is appended to the ITT. These terms include provisions requiring the payment by the supplier of an ABI management charge in consideration of the award of this framework agreement, the management and administration by HTE of the overall contract structure and associated documentation, as well as the requirement to submit regular management information to HTE.

## Submission of expressions of interest and procurement information

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### **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: £20,000,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework agreement resulting from this procurement process will remain in force for an initial period of two (2) years and subject to approval by HealthTrust Europe may be extended for up to a twenty-four (24) month period thereafter.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement resulting from this procurement process will remain in force for an initial period of two (2) years and subject to approval by HealthTrust Europe may be extended for up to a twenty-four (24) month period thereafter.

#### **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) Description**

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

Nitric Oxide, Cylinders, Monitoring and Delivery Devices

Lot No

2

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

- 24111500 - Medical gases

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

This lot 2 will consider the complete system to deliver nitric oxide therapy that includes nitric oxide in cylinders, monitoring devices, associated equipment, consumables and any delivery devices used in the transfer and/or transportation of patients.

This lot will be for provision of supply and rental of nitric oxide cylinders, suppliers should have the capability to offer participating authorities collection and gas refill services. This includes but is not limited to:

- nitric oxide
- cylinders in various sizes
- flow meters/regulators/monitoring devices
- devices for use in transfer of patients;
- associated consumables and equipment.

For further information please refer to the specification 'Lot 2 - Nitric Oxide, Cylinders, Monitoring and Delivery Devices'.

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework agreement resulting from this procurement process will remain in force for an initial period of two (2) years and subject to approval by HealthTrust Europe may be extended for up to a twenty-four (24) month period thereafter.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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#### **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) Description**

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

Mini Competition

Lot No

3

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

- 24111500 - Medical gases

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Lot 3 of the agreement will be where one or more participating authorities will aggregate their spend to commit in advance to purchase from lots 1 and 2. Banding within lot 3 will request successful tenderer(s) from lot 1 and/or 2 to submit discounted pricing against the respective spend thresholds. All tenderers awarded on to lots 1 and/or 2 will be automatically awarded on to lot 3 if they confirm interest during their submission.

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework agreement resulting from this procurement process will remain in force for an initial period of two (2) years and subject to approval by HealthTrust Europe may be extended for up to a twenty-four (24) month period thereafter.

#### **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 resulting from this procurement process will remain in force for an initial period of two (2) years and subject to approval by HealthTrust Europe may be extended for up to a twenty-four (24) month period thereafter.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **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

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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

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

Date

22 February 2021

Local time

10:00am

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

English

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

Date

22 February 2021

Local time

11:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### **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**

HTE is a central purchasing body who is able to carry out this tender exercise by virtue of its appointment as an agent of UHCW. Notwithstanding HTE's relationship with UHCW, it is HTE conducting this tender exercise and will execute the resultant framework agreement with successful bidders. The bodies to whom the use of this framework agreement will be open include all contracting authorities in the UK as defined in Regulation 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as may be updated from time to time. In particular, the following entities in the UK (particularly those of a health and/or social care nature) are envisaged as framework agreement users:

1) all National Health Service (NHS) bodies in England, including but not limited to:

(i) acute trusts (as listed at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/acutetrustlisting.aspx>),

(ii) health and care trusts (as listed

at:<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>),

(iii) mental health trusts (as listed

at:<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>),

(iv) clinical commissioning groups (as listed

at:<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>),

(v) ambulance trusts (as listed at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>),

(vi) area teams (as listed at:

(vii) special health authorities (as listed at:<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>),

(viii) NHS England, and

(ix) clinical senates and strategic clinical networks;

2) all NHS bodies in Wales, including but not limited to all:

(i) health boards,

(ii) NHS trusts,

(iii) the national delivery group,

(iv) community health councils, and

(v) NHS Wales shared services partnership (as listed

at<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhwalesaboutus/structure>);

3) all NHS bodies in Northern Ireland (known as Health and Social Care), including but not limited to:

(i) health and social care trusts (as listed at: <http://online.hscni.net/?s=Trust>),

(ii) health agencies (as listed at: <http://online.hscni.net/?s=health+agencies>),

(iii) hospitals (as listed at: <http://online.hscni.net/?s=hospitals>), and

(iv) the Health and Social Care Board;

4) social enterprises under taking some or all of the previous service provider functions of contracting authorities in relation to health and/or social care services (including charitable incorporated organisations, cooperatives, industrial and provident societies and community interest companies listed on the Companies House Web Check service);

5) ministerial departments and non-ministerial departments of central government, non-departmental agencies and other public bodies, and public corporations (as listed at:<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>);

6) devolved governmental and parliamentary organisations within the UK, including but not limited to the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament, and Scottish public bodies

(as listed at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/public-bodies/about/Bodies>), as well as the Welsh Government, Welsh Assembly and Welsh unitary authorities (as listed at: <http://www.assembly.wales/en/abthome/role-of-assembly-how-it-works/Pages/governance-of-wales.aspx>);

7) all local authorities (as listed at: <http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/Start.do?mode=1>);

8) the Ministry of Defence (as detailed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-ofdefence>).

This list includes each organisation's successors and assigns, any equivalent organisations and associated organisation created due to any organisational changes. This framework agreement will be open to any bodies or organisations operating in the UK of a health, and/or social care nature or which have a similar procurement need, and/or any UK based central government authority listed at Annex of Directive 2014/24/EU, in respect of any goods or services to any of the above listed organisations

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

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

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