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## **Super Absorbent Gels**

NHS Supply Chain

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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**NUTS code**

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

DHL Supply Chain Limited

Foxbridge Way, Normanton

Normanton

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Buyer's address

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

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

**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**

Super Absorbent Gels

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

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

Supplies

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

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply to NHS Supply Chain depots via the Stock/Blue Diamond routes and to the NHS Supply Chain customer base via the E-Direct route for Super Absorbent Gel products for use in cleaning spillages of fluid, including but not limited to Absorbent Gel Sachets, Shaker Pots, Sheets and Tubs.

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

Value excluding VAT: £668

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Precise quantities are unknown, initial expenditure at cost in the first year is expected to be in the region of £167,000. The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term will be in the region of £668,000.

Applicants will be required to provide evidence, as part of their tender submission, that they hold (in date) the following certifications:

- It will be a requirement of the tender process for all Applicants to hold (in-date) ISO9001:2015 accredited by

the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or equivalent) to cover all segments of the Applicant's and the product's supply chain. This should include, but not be limited to, manufacturing, storage and distribution. If such certificates are not in the name of the Applicant then the Applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain.

- Public Liability Insurance of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant

- Product Liability Insurance in the name of the Applicant of £5m per claim or £5m per claim and in the annual

aggregate

- Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive

93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation 2017/745 (where applicable).

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This Framework Agreement is anticipated to have the option to extend for up to a further 36 months in addition to the initial 12 month period upon review. Any extension (or extensions) will be solely at the discretion of NHS Supply Chain.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

17 September 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

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 and/or
- 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector.

Only NHS Supply Chain can order under the Contract.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain would also like to engage with suppliers of these products via a Request for Information (RFI).

If you would like to complete the request for information (RFI) document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement, then please follow the below instructions.

Follow the link to the eProcurement Portal: <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/>

Please select the 'SQs Open To All Suppliers' link and select SQ\_15 RFI – Super Absorbent Gels

Select Express interest

Select the 'My Responses' tab and please complete and attach the RFI within Section 1.1.2

Select 'Submit Response'