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Award

Rituximab Subcut

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04da6b

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

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Telephone

+44 1312756000

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Rituximab Subcut

Reference number

NP93420

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of Rituximab (MabThera) Vial 1400 MG/11.7 ML to NHS Scotland.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £13,745,091

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

All entities constituted pursuant to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, and any Integrated Joint Boards established pursuant to the new Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Rituximab (MabThera) Vial 1400 MG/11.7 ML to NHS Scotland. The Authority has awarded this framework as a single supplier framework per line to one (1) Framework Participant.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This VEAT notice is to advise the need for modification to meet the additional demands of the Scottish Health and Social Care sector during the current Covid-19 pandemic and to maintain necessary supply due to circumstances unforeseen by the Authority in line with Regulation 72(1)(c) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a 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: [2020/S 131-322242](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

NP93420

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Roche Products Ltd

6 Falcon Way, Shire Park

Welwyn Garden City

AL7 1TW

Telephone

+44 01707366171

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,404,041

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated value of the Framework Agreement referred to in Section V.2.4 covers the twelve (12) month duration of the proposed

modification period of the Framework Agreement.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=788020.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between

the date on which the Authority despatches the VEAT notice and the date on which the Authority proposes to conclude the relevant framework agreement.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the framework agreement until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the framework agreement has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the framework agreement to the winning tenderer.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority after the framework agreement has been entered into will not affect the framework agreement unless grounds for the imposition of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established. Otherwise, the remedies that may be awarded by the courts where the framework agreement has been entered into are limited

to the award of damages