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Tender

Framework Agreement for the Supply of Medical Gases in Cylinders and Liquid Medical Gases

HealthTrust Europe LLP (HTE) acting on behalf of Mid and South Essex NSH Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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://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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for the Supply of Medical Gases in Cylinders and Liquid Medical Gases

Reference number

PR-1798

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24100000 - Gases

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Tender is to establish a Framework Agreement for the supply of Medical Gases in Cylinders and Liquid Medical Gases ("Agreement").

The agreement will include the supply and rental of medical gases, cylinders, liquid medical gases, liquid bulk medical gases and associated consumables and devices. The agreement will be split into three (3) lots:

- Lot 1: Medical Gases in Cylinders
- Lot 2: Nitric Oxide, Cylinders, Monitoring and Delivery Devices
- Lot 3: Liquid Medical Gases

The duration of the Agreement will be 4 years maximum; 4 years initial period with no option to extend.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Medical Gases and Cylinders

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24100000 - Gases
- 24111500 - Medical gases

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Under this Lot the supplier will provide the supply and rental of medical gases, cylinders, associated consumables and services.

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / ACTIVITY BASED INCOME (ABI) The terms and conditions of this 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 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 This exercise will be conducted on the HTE Bravo portal. Candidates wishing to be considered must register expressions of interest as follows: Register on the HTE portal at <https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>. Login to the portal with username/password. Click the SQs/ITTs Open to All Suppliers link. These are the SQs/ITTs open to any registered supplier. Click on the relevant SQ/ ITT to access the content. Click the Express Interest button at the top of the page. This will move the SQ/ITT into your My SQs/My ITTs page. You can access any attachments by clicking Buyer Attachments in the SQ/ITT Details box. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the SQ/ITT. Submit your reply using the Submit Response button at the top of the page. If you require any further advice, contact the Bravo e- Tendering Help Desk at help@bravosolution.co.uk.

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Please note that, at present, sid4gov does not prepopulate any fields of the SQ on the Portal, and therefore Potential Providers must complete the Qualification and Selection Envelopes of the SQ in Bravo in full.

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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

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: 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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Nitric Oxide, Cylinders, Monitoring and Delivery Devices

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24100000 - Gases
- 24111500 - Medical gases

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Under this Lot the supplier will provide 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 will 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.

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II.2.6) Estimated value

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Duration in months

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No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Liquid Medical Gases

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24100000 - Gases
- 24111500 - Medical gases

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Under this Lot the supplier will provide a full solution from the purchase and delivery of liquid medical gases to the safe installation and maintenance of liquid medical gases storage tanks/VIE and ancillary equipment.

The supply of liquid medical gases will include, but not limited to:

- liquid oxygen
- liquid nitrogen
- liquid carbon dioxide
- liquid carbon monoxide
- liquid helium
- liquid argon
- liquid hydrogen
- liquid natural gas

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

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No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

HTE may request such information as may be requested pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Details are provided in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire.

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

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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

20 March 2025

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 March 2025

Local time

3:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 4 years

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) Additional information

HTE is undertaking central purchasing body activities in carrying out this tender exercise by virtue of its partnership with MSE. Notwithstanding HTE's relationship with MSE, it is HTE conducting this tender exercise and all enquiries should be directed to HTE as confirmed in Section 1 above.

MSE and not HTE will execute the resultant framework agreement with successful bidders.

The bodies to whom the use of this 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 Agreement users: Public sector classification guide and forward work plan - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)

To view the list use the downloadable spreadsheet. This list includes each organisation's successors and assigns, any equivalent organisations and associated organisation created due to any organisational changes.

This 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 I of Directive 2014/24/EU, in respect of any goods or services to any of the above listed organization]

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

HTE will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.