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Planning

Biopsy Products

NHS Supply Chain Operated by DHL Supply Chain Limited acting as agent of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

DHL Supply Chain Limited

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Buyer's address

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Biopsy Products

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Supply Chain are looking to put a Biopsy framework agreement in place. Currently, the extent of the scope of the proposed framework agreement is unknown, however, we are looking to understand the biopsy market in its entirety to determine a framework agreement which meets the needs of the NHS and changing technologies. Products could include Biopsy Needles, Vacuum Assisted Biopsy Equipment & Accessories inc. Transperineal Prostate Access Devices, this is not an exhaustive list. Please include other products which you think fall within the scope of this exercise. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £7.5m to £10.5m in the first year of this Framework Agreement, this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement. The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term (including any extension options) is £42m and includes a forecast for growth.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £42,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Biopsy Needles and related consumables & Accessories

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables

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

Products within this lot could include but not limited to, Biopsy Needles, including Core Soft Tissue Needles, FNA, Bone Marrow & Accessories including Transperineal Prostate Access Devices, Guide Wires & Tissue markers. This is not exhaustive, please include any other product types which you think fall within the scope of this exercise.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £4.5m to £7 in the first year 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

Biopsy Equipment & related consumables and accessories

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables

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

Products within this lot could include but not limited to, Equipment used to perform biopsies such as Vacuum Assisted Biopsy Devices or equipment used within the patient pathway for biopsies. This would not include any radiology equipment or diagnostic equipment. This would include all related accessories and consumables for the equipment. This is not exhaustive, please include any other product types which you think fall within the scope of this exercise.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £3m in the first year 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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 January 2022

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

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 notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and Applicants may be required to include evidence of this within their tender submission.

- 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.

- Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation 2017/745 (where applicable)

If the Applicant commits to obtain ISO9001:2015 accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or equivalent) at the time of the tender submission then the requirement is that such certification is in place prior to the commencement date of the framework agreement (in order for NHS Supply Chain to place orders with the successful Applicant).

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion.

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/bulk buy initiatives.

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 from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

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 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_33 RFI Biopsy Products, Project 55

Select Express interest

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

Select 'Submit Response'