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Planning

NHS Supply Chain Logistics Services Provider

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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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.sccl.nhs.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<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

NHS Supply Chain Logistics Services Provider

Reference number

Project 979

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to commence Pre-Market Engagement with Potential Providers that have the capability and capacity to deliver NHS Supply Chain's future Logistics service requirements.

SCCL will use the Pre- Market Engagement sessions to outline the future strategic objectives for the NHS Supply Chain, share the key requirements of the Logistics Services Provider contract, and for SCCL to capture industry information and Potential Provider views that may assist in the development of the NHS Supply Chain's Logistics Operating Model.

SCCL aims to commence procurement by late summer 2022 for the provision of Logistics services. These services are critical for the delivery of NHS Supply Chain goods procured under the CTSP frameworks which are available to 1) any NHS Trust; 2) any other NHS entity or healthcare provider (including private organisations, primary care, community settings and social care); 3) any government department, agency, or other statutory body (including Devolved Authorities, Crown Dependencies and/or Pandemic Planning Programmes), and/or 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector on behalf of a public-sector organisation listed in 1)

to 4) above.

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Wales. In 2018, SCCL (the management function of the NHS Supply Chain) entered contracts with 11 Category Tower Service Providers (CTSPs) to provide goods and services to NHS trusts and healthcare organisations across England and Wales. Goods are delivered through two enabling services which underpin the CTSP model, these enabling services are Logistics and Fulfilment, and Supporting Technology.

The scope of the current contract involves the operational logistics management of the NHS Supply Chain estate, Home Delivery Services (HDS), additional in-bound logistics and inter-depot trunking services.

NHS Supply Chain currently manages more than 8 million orders per year, across 94,000 order points and 17,465 locations and delivers over 28 million lines of picked goods to the NHS annually. Its systems consolidate orders from over 930 suppliers, saving trusts time and money by removing duplication of overlapping contracts.

The above scope may be further extended to incorporate the provision of pandemic response logistics, this may include the storage and fulfilment of legacy Covid 19 related consumables and equipment.

SCCL would like to meet with Potential Providers who are advised to refer to 'ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SECTION V1.3' below for further important information about the Market Engagement Sessions which the pre-market engagement questionnaire.

Please note that the final structure and approach to the Operating Model for Logistics services (including in respect of any lot strategy) will be determined subsequent to the market engagement events and will be set out in the Contract Notice for any related future procurement.

Any values stated within this PIN are indicative only of the current contracts. Anticipated contract values will be included in the Contract Notice for any related future procurement.

This procurement is at the pre-tender stage.

The commencement of the formal procurement process will be the subject of a separate notice (Contract Notice). Potential Providers should note that they will need to respond to the Contract Notice at the appropriate time.

Please note that the estimated date of publication of the Contract Notice set out in Section II.3 below is subject to change.

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48430000 - Inventory management software package
- 60100000 - Road transport services
- 72212430 - Inventory management software development services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 85100000 - Health services
- 85142400 - Home delivery of incontinence products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 August 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

This notice is for information only and SCCL, as the Authority, reserves the right to not proceed to tender. Additionally, SCCL reserves the right to discontinue the tendering process and not to award the contract.

The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of SCCL's requirements, the service classification of this requirement or the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding and SCCL reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notice or notices or at any other time.

SCCL is not and shall not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in participating in the market engagement activity advertised in this notice.

As outlined, the intention of this PIN is to:

- 1) Inform the market that SCCL is reviewing their approach to the market for the delivery of its Logistics Provider Services. SCCL have not set out a procurement strategy at this stage (see Section II.2.4)
- 2) Gauge market interest in future procurement in this area
- 3) Engage with the market to develop the right commercial solution to meet SCCL objectives
- 4) Invite Potential Providers to participate in the market engagement process, including the completion of a the pre-market engagement questionnaire.

As part of the Market Engagement activities, SCCL will be running Market Engagement Sessions. Market Engagement Sessions will be delivered in person at Equinox House in Nottingham or virtually via Microsoft Teams. There will be a maximum of 3 attendees per organisation. It is currently proposed that the initial 1:1 Market Engagement Sessions will be held in person on the following dates and time: 22nd, 23rd, 24th March 2022 commencing at 10am.

The Market Engagement is one part of SCCL's market engagement activity. All Potential Providers will have an opportunity to provide feedback by completing and returning a Pre-Market Engagement Questionnaire which can be accessed as detailed within this PIN.

ACTION: To register your interest in this PIN, express an interest in attending the Market

Engagement, and complete the questionnaire you should:

1) Register on the eProcurement Portal Use URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com>, click on the 'Register Here' link to access the registration page

2) To Express an Interest:

Click on 'SQs Open to All Suppliers' to get into the main section of the system, on the left-hand side, click on the Globe Icon, and under Sourcing select Published Opportunities then Current Opportunities Express an interest by clicking on the 'Express Interest' button

3) To request Market Engagement attendance:

Submit a message via the eProcurement Portal which includes the following detail for each of your proposed Market Engagement attendees (max 3 attendees): a. Organisation, b. Contact name, c. Job title of contact (including responsibility within your organisation), d. Contact phone number, e. Contact email and f. Organisation web link

4) Pre-Market Engagement Questionnaire:

The questionnaire will be in the Attachments, you can download the document, complete it and return it in the Response Form (Q) within the qualification envelope.

Please note, all Potential Providers that register their interest may be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement and attendance at the Market Engagement Sessions may be subject to SCCL receiving a signed confidentiality agreement from organisations wishing to attend.

Invitations to one to ones will be issued by email. Information given during the online one to ones will be made accessible to all interested Potential Providers in due course, including those who have registered their interest but are unable to attend the events.

Organisations not attending the Market Engagement Sessions, but still wishing to participate in future sessions are also advised to register as detailed above.