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## **Electrodes, Ultrasound Gel, Defibrillation and Related Consumables**

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

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See the [change notice](#).

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

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

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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**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

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**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**

Electrodes, Ultrasound Gel, Defibrillation and Related Consumables

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

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

Supplies

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

The Framework Agreement is for the supply of electrodes, ultrasound gel, defibrillation and related consumables including: ultrasound gel including non-sterile and sterile in various containers e.g. sachets, tubes, bottles; ECG electrodes including tab, onset, offset and dual connector with either solid or wet gel with a variety of backings such as foam, tape and cloth; Pre-wired, neurology and foetal scalp electrodes; Abdominal CTG belts; Defibrillation including manual and automated defibrillation pads; and Related consumables in relation to the above.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of 14,000,000 GBP 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. The estimated value over the maximum 4 year Framework Agreement term is 55,000,000 GBP. This is approximate only.

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

Value excluding VAT: £55,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Ultrasound Gels

Lot No

Lot 1

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

- 24951100 - Lubricants
- 33112000 - Echo, ultrasound and doppler imaging equipment
- 33140000 - Medical 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**

Ultrasound Gel is a conductive medium designed to be applied to a patient's unbroken skin surface to provide a coupling between an analytical device (e.g., ultrasound transducer, optical glucose monitoring system) and the patient, allowing for the emission and reception of signals (e.g., ultrasound, light) that pass through the skin during an examination. It is in the form of a non-sticky, fluid-like gel that may also assist the operator's ability to move the analytical device smoothly over the skin to better analyse the site of interest. It may be used by a healthcare professional or layperson. After application, this device cannot be reused.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,600,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £650,000 in the first year for Lot 1 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**

Adult ECG Electrodes

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 31660000 - Carbon electrodes
- 31711140 - Electrodes
- 33121500 - Electrocardiogram
- 33123200 - Electrocardiography devices
- 33123210 - Cardiac-monitoring devices
- 33123230 - Cardiographs
- 33140000 - Medical 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**

Adult ECG Electrodes are a non-invasive electrical conductor designed to conduct electrical signals, generated by a patient's heart, from the skin surface to an electrocardiograph (ECG) monitoring device, via an ECG lead wire (not included). It is typically a disk-like electrode that is affixed to the skin with a special adhesive, or adhesive tape, and a conductive gel (some are pre-gelled), or using a suction mechanism; alternatively, some types may be designed to be attached to hand-held heart rate meters. Electrocardiography (ECG) is usually performed using a set of electrodes (e.g., 12) connected to appropriate leads and cables. This is a single-patient use device.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £28,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £7,000,000 in the first year for Lot 2 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**

Paediatric / Neonatal ECG Electrodes

Lot No

Lot 3

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

- 31660000 - Carbon electrodes
- 31711140 - Electrodes
- 33121500 - Electrocardiogram
- 33123200 - Electrocardiography devices
- 33123210 - Cardiac-monitoring devices
- 33123230 - Cardiographs
- 33140000 - Medical 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**

Paediatric / Neonatal ECG Electrodes are a non-invasive electrical conductor designed to conduct electrical signals, generated by a patient's heart, from the skin surface to an electrocardiograph (ECG) monitoring device, via an ECG lead wire (not included). It is

typically a disk-like electrode that is affixed to the skin with a special adhesive, or adhesive tape, and a conductive gel (some are pre-gelled), or using a suction mechanism; alternatively, some types may be designed to be attached to hand-held heart rate meters. Electrocardiography (ECG) is usually performed using a set of electrodes (e.g., 12) connected to appropriate leads and cables. This is a single-patient use device.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to

48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £500,000 in the first year for Lot 3 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**

Neurology Electrodes, Needles and Cables

Lot No

Lot 4

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

- 31660000 - Carbon electrodes
- 31711140 - Electrodes
- 33121100 - Electro-encephalographs
- 33121300 - Electromyographs
- 33121500 - Electrocardiogram
- 33123210 - Cardiac-monitoring devices
- 33140000 - Medical 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**

This Lot includes Neurology Electrodes which are applied to the scalp, used to detect activity from cells within the brain, these are then transmitted to a monitoring or diagnostic device which can visualise the data. An array of analytical scalp electrodes preconfigured within a head-worn device designed for the rapid placement and appropriate positioning of the scalp electrodes during electroencephalography (EEG), electromyogram (EMG), Electrophysiology (EP) or Polysomnography (PSG). It typically consists of a cap with integrated (and often removable) scalp electrodes, and shielded lead wires that terminate into a connector that mates with a separate cable. The device eliminates the need to glue or paste individual electrodes to the patient's scalp. This is a single-patient use device.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £500,000 in the first year for Lot 4 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**

Pre-Wired Electrodes

Lot No

Lot 5

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

- 31660000 - Carbon electrodes
- 31711140 - Electrodes
- 33121500 - Electrocardiogram
- 33123200 - Electrocardiography devices
- 33123210 - Cardiac-monitoring devices
- 33123230 - Cardiographs

- 33140000 - Medical 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**

This Lot includes Pre-wired Electrodes. Pre-wired Electrodes are devices which are applied to the skin and transfer the electrical activity produced by the heart to a monitoring or diagnostic device which is capable of visualising the data.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £500,000 in the first year for Lot 5 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**

Foetal Scalp Electrodes

Lot No

Lot 6

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

- 31660000 - Carbon electrodes
- 33112000 - Echo, ultrasound and doppler imaging equipment
- 33124000 - Diagnostics and radiodiagnostic devices and supplies
- 33124120 - Diagnostic ultrasound devices
- 33140000 - Medical 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**

This Lot includes foetal monitoring electrodes including hook and spiral style. Foetal Scalp Electrode is a device which is attached directly to the baby's scalp during labour, this is then connected to a monitoring device capable of visualising the data. A sterile electrical conductor designed to transmit electric signals from the foetal scalp to an intrapartum monitor. The electrode is typically used to monitor a foetal physiologic signal (e.g., heart rate) during labour (intrapartum) after rupture of the amniotic sac. This is a single-use device and can be either a clip or spiral device.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £500,000 in the first year for Lot 6 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**

Abdominal CTG Belts

Lot No

Lot 7

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

- 33112000 - Echo, ultrasound and doppler imaging equipment
- 33124000 - Diagnostics and radiodiagnostic devices and supplies
- 33124120 - Diagnostic ultrasound devices

- 33140000 - Medical 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**

Abdominal Cardiotocography (CTG) Belts are designed for use in the maternity discipline, these are used to secure a component/s of a cardiotocography (CTG) telemetric monitoring system, typically consists of wireless patient worn transducers/electrodes (e.g., leads and electrodes or Doppler ultrasound transducer plus pressure transducer), placed onto the patient's abdomen.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 18

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 7

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 60

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £600,000 in the first year for Lot 7 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**

Defibrillation Electrodes and Pads

Lot No

Lot 8

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 33182000 - Cardiac support devices
- 33182100 - Defibrillator

### **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**

Defibrillation Electrodes and Pads are an electrical conductor used in pairs to transmit a controlled electrical shock from an external defibrillator to a patient in order to defibrillate the heart (restore a normal rhythm) or slow a rapid heart rate. It typically consists of a cable set [with a connector for insertion into the external pulse generator (EPG)] that terminates with self-affixing pads (the electrodes) prefabricated with contact gel and an adhesive, that are applied to the chest (the intact torso) of the patient so that the discharge passes across the region of the heart. This device may remain applied to the patient during stages of treatment. This is a single-use device.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £12,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £3,000,000 in the first year for Lot 8 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**

Related Consumables

Lot No

Lot 9

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

- 24951100 - Lubricants
- 31711140 - Electrodes
- 33112000 - Echo, ultrasound and doppler imaging equipment

- 33121100 - Electro-encephalographs
- 33121300 - Electromyographs
- 33121500 - Electrocardiogram
- 33123200 - Electrocardiography devices
- 33123210 - Cardiac-monitoring devices
- 33123230 - Cardiographs
- 33124000 - Diagnostics and radiodiagnostic devices and supplies
- 33124120 - Diagnostic ultrasound devices
- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 33182000 - Cardiac support devices
- 33182100 - Defibrillator

### **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**

The Related consumables Lot includes any accessories that can be used in conjunction with products listed in Lots 1 to 8.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service and Quality / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Assessment / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Education Value Add Programmes / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Conversion Assistance / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: Yes

Description of options

This Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for a period up to 48 months.

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £500,000 in the first year for Lot 9 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.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Applicants should refer to II.2 of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual Lots across the Framework Agreement.

Applicants may bid for one, more than one or all of the Lots and Applicants should refer to the Invitation to Tender for more information in respect of this.

The term of contracts formed under the Framework Agreement may continue beyond the end of the term of the Framework Agreement itself.

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 initiatives.

NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

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 (for the avoidance of doubt including local authorities) 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.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1, NHS Supply Chain does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework and advises Applicants that the framework shall be established on a non-exclusive basis. Tenders and all supporting documentation for the contract must be priced in sterling and written in English. Any agreement entered into will be considered a contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. NHS Supply Chain is not liable for any costs (including any third party costs fees or expenses incurred by those expressing an interest, participating or tendering for this contract opportunity. NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to terminate the procurement process (or part of it), to change the basis of and the procedures for the procurement process at any time, or to procure the subject matter of the contract by

alternative means if it appears that it can be more advantageously procured by alternative means. The most economically advantageous or any tender will not automatically be accepted. All communications must be made through NHS Supply Chain's eTendering portal at <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

Please note that the maximum number of suppliers as set out in IV.1.3 is an estimate only.

### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Parent company or other guarantees may be required in certain circumstances. Further details will be in the tender documents.

### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require groupings of entities to take a particular form, or to require one party to undertake primary legal liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The Framework Agreement includes obligations with respect to environmental issues and a requirement for successful suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

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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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 29

#### **IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

Although an electronic auction will not be used to award all or part of the requirements of the Framework Agreement the use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the 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: [2022/S 000-020167](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

Date

12 April 2023

Local time

3:00pm

Changed to:

Date

2 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 7 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

13 April 2023

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Submission of expression of interest and procurement specific information:

This procurement exercise will be conducted on the NHS Supply Chain eProcurement portal at <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/>

Candidates wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest and provide additional procurement-specific information (if required) through the NHS Supply Chain eProcurement portal using the URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/> to access the portal.

Applicants are encouraged to download the supplier handbook located within the eProcurement portal by following the 'Supplier Helpcentre' link within the Useful Links section of the Dashboard.

For any technical help with the portal please contact:

Tel: 0800 069 8630 or email: [help\\_uk@jaggaer.com](mailto:help_uk@jaggaer.com)

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Not applicable

Not applicable

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Appeals to be logged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)