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Planning

Stock Control System

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/>

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

Stock Control System

Reference number

DN1335

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) is seeking via this Prior Information Notice (PIN) to engage with the market to provide a Stock Control Management System suitable for use by the Trust for a go live date of 1st October 2022.

SCAS intend letting a contract for up to ten years (an initial five years with the option to extend by multiples of one year up to a further five years) via the Open Procedure.

The Prior Information Notice Pack available by registering and expressing an interest at <https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/> consists of the following documents:

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Please complete and return via the Trust's Proactis Source to Contract system the Engagement Workshop Registration Form on Friday 18th March.

The objectives are as follows:

- Carry out a procurement exercise to drive change in the current system to meet a system Specification that defines the Trust requirements effectively.
- Develop the Stock Control System to improve the management of consumables effectively and the re-ordering process.
- Integrate a standalone Stock Management System onto the SCAS IT systems at all 20 Ambulance Stations and the Central Logistics Unit (CLU).
- Integrate bar code scanning hardware in the CLU and at all stations.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Trust's Logistics distribution is currently conducted using a very archaic system for stock flow accounting, whereby a generic Microsoft Access inventory system is used to account for the quantity of Medical Consumables that are stored and that flow through the Central Logistics Unit (CLU) only.

Once stock is issued from the warehouse to stations, its accountability and final disposal cannot be assured as the current Stock Inventory system is limited. The Make Ready Supervisors and/or Team leaders at each station are required to order their perceived amount of stock from the CLU every week.

This process, and with the current systems employed, makes it hard to conduct credible audit of the Trust's Logistical movement and use of stock. The limited ability to monitor stock and the uncertain nature of consumable item usage within the Trust, has led to stock unnecessarily expiring, stations running out of stock, mainly due to incorrect ordering, and stations over ordering leading to overstocking and the risk of degradation and loss.

The knock-on effect is that this causes disorganisation and inadvertently creates pressure on the logistics department, as it must conduct many ad hoc deliveries which increases the demand on the already limited resources and raises the annual mileage of transport vehicles, thus increasing our Carbon Footprint. Ultimately the Trust is losing revenue because of its limited ability to manage consumable stock.

The Trust requirements is to engage with the market and drive the required change in the current system to meet a system specification that defines Trust needs effectively.

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: £500,000

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

Start date

3 August 2022

End date

2 August 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial contract period of 60 months can be extended by up to 60 months in 12 month increments to be agreed with the successful supplier.

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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 April 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.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

As detailed above, this PIN is issued with the intention of holding a potential supplier engagement event at 12:00 to 13:00 on 24th March.

A copy of the recording of the event and all information shared, including the presentation document and follow-up questions and answers will be made available via the Proactis Source to Contract project page.

Please register your interest at <https://www.proactisplaza.com/BuyerPortal/>

If you have any difficulties, please use the email address and contact details at the beginning of this notice.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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