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## **Audiological Diagnostics, Implantable Devices, Accessories & Services 2024**

NHS Supply Chain

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-007624

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-038d12

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

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

NHS Supply Chain

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London

SE1 8UG

#### **Email**

[chelsea.hufton@supplychain.nhs.uk](mailto:chelsea.hufton@supplychain.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

### **I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

### **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**

Audiological Diagnostics, Implantable Devices, Accessories & Services 2024

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

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

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

Supplies

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

Non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply to the NHS Supply Chain customer base for Audiological Diagnostics, Implantable Devices, Accessories & Services, and Audiological Equipment Products.

It is anticipated that expenditure will be in the region of £116m in the initial term, with an estimated total value of £245m over the full 2+2 year term. This is an approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the FAG.

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.

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

Value excluding VAT: £245,000,000

#### **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**

## Audiological Implantable Devices

Lot No

01

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

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Products within this lot include, but are not limited to: Cochlear Implants including Auditory Brainstem Implants, Bone Conduction implants and Middle Ear implants.

Certain products within this Framework Agreement sit under the NHS England Specialised Service Devices Programme (SSDP) (formerly known as the High-Cost Tariff-Excluded Devices programme) . Trusts who are commissioned to provide such specialised services in England are directed to purchase all their requirements through a national supply system through NHS Supply Chain.

Details of the product categories currently within scope of the NHS England Specialised Service Devices Programme (SSDP), can be found using the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/key-docs/medical-devices/>

In accordance with the specialised services commissioning policy, NHS England will determine which products are classified as excluded from tariff and which are made available under the NHS England Specialised Service Devices Programme (SSDP)

### **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: £205,000,000

### **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**

Audiological Diagnostics

Lot No

02

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

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Products within this lot include, but are not limited to: Diagnostic & Fitting Equipment, Newborn Hearing Screening Equipment, Wax Management, Audiological Devices, Patient Management Systems, and Related Consumables.

### **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: £32,000,000

### **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

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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 using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

### **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.1.8) 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 000-035248](#)

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

Date

20 April 2023

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

English

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

Date

21 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.4) Procedures for review**

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

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Health Solutions Team Limited acting as agent of Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

London

Country

United Kingdom