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Planning

Surgeons Gloves

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership-Procurement Services (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

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

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

Surgeons Gloves

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141420 - Surgical gloves

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NWSSP are currently in the planning stages of the renewal for the Surgeons Gloves agreement. It is the intent of this PIN notice to determine the regulatory and technical abilities within the Surgeons Gloves market.

The current agreement is for the provision of Surgeons Gloves for the following requirements: Latex surgical gloves & under gloves, Enhanced sensitivity latex surgical gloves & under gloves, Enhanced grip latex surgical gloves & under gloves, Polychloroprene surgical gloves & under gloves, Enhanced sensitivity polychloroprene surgical gloves & under gloves, Enhanced grip polychloroprene surgical gloves & under gloves, Polyisoprene surgical gloves & under gloves, Enhanced sensitivity polyisoprene surgical gloves and under gloves, Enhanced grip polyisoprene surgical gloves & under gloves and Polyisoprene & polychloroprene surgical gloves & under gloves.

The current agreement has been awarded on the basis of a multi-supplier framework.

NWSSP procurement Services have not yet determined whether the renewal for the Surgical Gloves agreement will be awarded utilising the same lotting or framework structure as we are still in the planning stages.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33141420 - Surgical gloves

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All Health Boards and Trusts within NHS Wales.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 May 2024

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

As part of the initial planning stages for the Surgeons Gloves agreement NWSSP Procurement are looking at including the following requirements as part of the Technical portion of the tender.

In order to gauge the quality of information available from the suppliers within the surgical glove market, NWSSP Procurement would like to understand the supporting information suppliers are able to provide that meet the following proposed requirements:

The desirable requirements is that Suppliers are able to provide the below for all items tendered.

We require test reports to support provider claims of compliance to the following:

- EN 455-1:2020+A1:2022 Requirements and testing for freedom from holes.
- EN 455-2:2015 Requirements and testing for physical properties.
- EN 455-3:2023 Requirements and testing for biological evaluation – Residual Powder.
- EN 455-3:2023 Requirements and testing for biological evaluation - Extractable Protein (Only for Latex containing products).

Requirements for submitted EN 455 test reports

The EN 455 test reports listed above, must have the following requirements:

- Samples tested and reports produced by independent ISO 17025 accredited test laboratories i.e. laboratories must not be internal to manufacturer or suppliers.
- Laboratories must be accredited to perform the above EN 455 tests.

- Testing must have been performed within 18 months.

Please note test certificates or Declaration of Conformity statements will not be accepted in place of test reports.

Sterility

For all sterile gloves, we require evidence of notified body involvement in the sterilisation process (e.g. Annex V certificate for EU MDD or Annex XI for EU MDR) that is valid and in date at the time of this notice. Re-issued certificates relating to sterility will be requested if any expire throughout the lifetime of tender.

If you are interested in this opportunity and are able to meet the above requirements then please contact Abraham Stone (abraham.stone@wales.nhs.uk) and Charlotte Bolan (charlotte.bolan@wales.nhs.uk) by Monday 15th April. We will review capability and request evidence of the above requirements as part of the pre-tender engagement.

If you are only able to provide some evidence of the above requirements and are interested in this opportunity then please contact Abraham Stone (abraham.stone@wales.nhs.uk) and Charlotte Bolan (charlotte.bolan@wales.nhs.uk) by Monday 15th April 2024 with further details and evidence of what you are able to provide.

This is information gathering exercise in order to understand the technical and regulatory ability of the suppliers within the Surgeons Gloves market and therefore NWSSP requirements may change prior to the publication of the Surgical Gloves tender where part of the above requirements may be omitted or expanded on. Full details on final requirements will be included within the ITT when published.

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust) operates on behalf of the following organisations;

- Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board
- Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
- Hywel Dda University Local Health Board
- Swansea Bay University Health Board
- Powys Teaching Local Health Board

-Public Health Wales NHS Trust

-Velindre University NHS Trust

-Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

These organisations and their successors will have access to purchase from this framework agreement.

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