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Planning

Vaccine Refrigeration and Transportation

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a5ee

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) ("NSS")

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nhsscotlandprocurement.scot.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

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

Vaccine Refrigeration and Transportation

Reference number

NP176/21

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of Pharmacy Refrigerators for temperature control range +2°C to +8°C

Supply of Vaccine Porter/Carrier

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Clinical Refrigeration Equipment

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply, delivery, installation and commissioning with warranty, service and maintenance of pharmacy refrigeration equipment (temp range +2°C to +8°C).

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option for listing Additional/supplementary items within this category will be given i.e. data loggers.

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

Vaccine Porter/Carrier System

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33190000 - Miscellaneous medical devices and products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Vaccine Porter/Carrier system with temperature control validation.

Range of sizes to support various settings from care home/residential to mass immunisation clinics.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to list additional/supplementary items that support product category will be permitted.

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

14 May 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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: 5

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.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

2 August 2021

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

This PIN (Prior Information Notice) will set out the intentions of the proposed procurement.

Please be aware that the final basket of goods/equipment within the ITT (Invitation To Tender) may vary to those outlined within this PIN.

The outline requirement is still in review however we have provided the following information to help bidders review and consider if they would be in a position to submit a bid at ITT stage.

Current Outline Requirement

The supply, delivery, installation, commissioning, servicing and maintenance of refrigeration equipment (+2°C to +8°C temp range) and vaccine porter/carrier systems.

Equipment/products must conform to the requirements of appropriate and relevant legislation, guidelines and regulations e.g. (but not limited to)

- Quality Management System (BSI ISO9001 accreditation or equivalence)
- Environmental Management System (BSI ISO14001 accreditation or equivalence)
- Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment (BS EN61010 or equivalence) - where applicable to products submitted
- Ethical Trading Standards (ETI or equivalence)
- COSHH - Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 1989
- Confirmation that equipment is CFC, HFC and HCFC free - where applicable to products submitted
- Confirmation on compliance to the Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2006 - where applicable to products submitted
- CE Marking
- Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC
- DH Green Book and Health Protection Scotland Document

Bids to support all products within each Lot (note suppliers may bid for individual or both Lots).

Equipment/products to be supplied on a fully delivered cost model.

Request for Documentation/information

To support this procurement process we request that bidders provide NP (National Procurement) with a copy of their Pandemic Exit Strategy, this can be provided in word or PDF format.

This is to be provided by e-mail (NSS.e-fcategory@nhs.scot) 17:00BST on Friday 23rd April 2021.

Documentation for completion and Return

Documentation for completion are included within this PIN and should be completed accordingly for the lots suppliers intend to bid for:-

Attachment 1: 2021-04-07 Equipment Information – Refrigeration

Requirement for Undercounter, Benchtop and Freestanding units

Information must be provided for a minimum of one of each, additionally there is no limit on number of units listed for our review and consideration.

Data/product information sheets may also be submitted in addition to support response.

Attachment 2: 2021-04-07 Equipment Information - Vaccine Porter

Requirement for Vaccine Porter/Carrier system - there is no limit on number of units listed for our review and consideration, both chilled & frozen options may be put forward with supporting temperature validation information.

Data/product information sheets may also be submitted in addition to support response.

Attachment 3: 2021-04-12 NSS Customer Care Questionnaire

All documents are to be returned by e-mail (NSS.e-fcategory@nhs.scot) by 17:00BST on Friday 23rd April 2021.

All e-mail subject title should refer to NP176_21 Vaccine Refrigeration and Transportation - PIN Document Return

For any questions/clarifications on process or completion of documents please contact:-

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NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=650573.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court House

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Economic operators should approach the contracting authority in the first instance. However, the only formal remedy is to apply to the courts:

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.