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Planning

Supply of Fruit and Vegetables under the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme PIN 2024

NHS Supply Chain

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Supply Chain

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Fruit and Vegetables under the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme PIN 2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is a Government funded initiative that supplies a piece of fruit or

vegetable to all key stage 1 children (ages 4-7) in England each academic year. Currently over 16,520 primary schools (circa 2,200,000 children) take part in the scheme in England.

This framework is to source produce suppliers who will deliver produce to nominated distribution hubs in England.

Whilst it is anticipated that the initial 12 month expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of £31,350,000.

Procurement of the categories listed below to be delivered directly into NHS sites.

The anticipated contract go live date is August 2024.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £125,400,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No: 1 - Apples, Pears and Citrus

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03222200 - Citrus fruit
- 03222321 - Apples
- 03222322 - Pears

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

Supply of apple, pear and citrus to schools.

II.2.14) Additional information

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that the initial 12 month expenditure will be in the region of XXXX 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.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No: 2 – Bananas

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03222111 - Bananas

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

Supply of bananas to schools.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No: 3 - Carrots

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03221112 - Carrots

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

Supply of carrots to schools.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No: 4 - Sugar Snap Peas and Tomatoes

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03221220 - Peas
- 03221240 - Tomatoes

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

Supply of Sugar Snap Peas and Tomatoes to schools.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No: 5 - Raisins

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03222115 - Raisins

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

Supply of Raisins to schools.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

29 February 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

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is a Government funded initiative that supplies a piece of fruit or

vegetable to all key stage 1 children (ages 4-7) in England each academic year. Currently over 16,520 primary schools (circa 2,200,000 children) take part in the scheme in England.

This framework is to establish distribution depots around the country that will undertake deliveries of nominated produce to schools.

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain: Food intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond to at the appropriate time.

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain: Food and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not awarded to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion.

Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of £18,975,000, a Framework Agreement is considered necessary to provide suitable requirements.

NHS Supply Chain: Food 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/bulk buying initiatives.

The contract will be between NHS Supply Chain: Food and the supplier, however:

1) NHS Supply Chain: Food;

- 2) Any NHS trust;
- 3) Any other NHS entity;
- 4) Any government department, agency or other statutory body; and/or
- 5) Any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector will be able to enter into a direct contract with the supplier for any of the supplies and/or services under the framework.

As detailed above, NHS Supply Chain: Food is currently considering the use of lots for this procurement. However, it reserves the right not to as part of any future tender process. Further information in respect of the lot strategy will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain: Food would also like to engage with the suppliers of these products via a Request for Information (RFI). If you would like to complete the RFI document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement, then please follow the below instructions.

Applicants wishing to complete the RFI must register their expression of interest. The RFI document will then be sent via the Jaggaer Messages tab.

Registration:

1) Use URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html> to access the NHS Supply Chain: Food e-Procurement Portal;

2) If not yet registered:

— click on the 'Register Here' link to access the registration page,

Portal access:

If registration has been completed:

- login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>
- click on 'SQs Open to All Suppliers' to get into the main section of the system.

Expression of interest:

- On the left-hand side, click on the Globe Icon, and under Sourcing select Published Opportunities then Current Opportunities.
- express an interest by clicking on the 'Express Interest' button.

RFI sheet:

- the RFI sheet can be found under the Opportunity 'Attachments' section. The supplier must return a fully completed RFI sheet to NHS Supply Chain: Food through the Jaggaer messaging portal.
- applicants will then have 8 weeks from the dispatch of this notice to complete and return the request for information document.