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# Prepared Vegetables and Potato Products, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

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

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-011028

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a24a

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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=AA1188

# I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

# I.3) Communication

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

http://www.publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

http://www.publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

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# 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

Prepared Vegetables and Potato Products, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Reference number

NP7752021

## II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## II.1.3) Type of contract

**Supplies** 

## II.1.4) Short description

Renewal of a National Framework (NP775)to cover a full range of Prepared Vegetables and Potato Products, Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.

## II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,200,000

## 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

NHS Ayrshire & Arran

Lot No

1

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

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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## II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 90

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

**Duration in months** 

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 6 months

## II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

## II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

## II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

## 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.2.14) Additional information

Total value shown is for the duration of the framework and based on 12 months' suppliers spend data. The Framework period shall be for 3 years with option to extend for 2 x 6 months periods

## II.2) Description

## II.2.1) Title

NHS Dumfries & Galloway

Lot No

2

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

15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

· UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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# II.2) Description

## II.2.1) Title

**NHS Fife** 

Lot No

3

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

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

· UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

#### NHS Scotland

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## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

NHS Grampian

Lot No

4

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

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

Lot No

5

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

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

· UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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# II.2) Description

## II.2.1) Title

The Golden Jubilee Hospital

Lot No

6

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

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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## II.2.1) Title

NHS Lanarkshire

Lot No

7

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

• 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

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Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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NHS Lothian and NHS Borders

Lot No

8

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#### II.2.3) Place of performance

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NHS Scotland

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## II.2.1) Title

The State Hospital

Lot No

9

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## II.2.1) Title

NHS Tayside

Lot No

10

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Main site or place of performance

NHS Scotland

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# Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

## III.1) Conditions for participation

## III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

See contract/tender documentation which incorporates requirements of the SPD (Scotland)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

1) A copy of a valid certificate issued within the last 12 months, certified by a UKAS accredited Certification Body confirming that the

economic operators holds a relevant certificate to one of the following standards as applicable:

BRC Global Standard for Food Safety (Issue 6 or above);

BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution (Issue 2 or above);

STS Code of Practice for Suppliers to the Public Sector (Version 9 or above);

SALSA Plus (Issue 4).

Certification to any of the above standards must be maintained by suppliers at all times during the Framework agreement.

Our Supplier Assessment Agents, STS, will facilitate the management of certification standards on behalf of NHSS

## III.2) Conditions related to the contract

## III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

# Section IV. Procedure

## **IV.1) Description**

## IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

## 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: 30

## IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

## 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: <u>2021/S 000-006873</u>

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

Date

30 June 2021

Local time

9:30am

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

English

## IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

## IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

30 June 2021

Local time

9:30am

Place

Gyle Square, South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Carried out by NSS National Procurement

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

# 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

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Hospices.

The indicative total contract value shown is based on a circa 1 800 000 GBP per annum over the indicated duration including extension periods

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 18698. For more information see:

http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: <a href="http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363">http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363</a>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see: <a href="http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361">http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2361</a>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

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The Statement of Requirements will detail the Community Benefit background and objectives. The contract will mandate that suppliers

Respond in its tender outlining current Community Benefits and proposals if successful and mandating that they support the overall

Community Benefit concept and process including a contract and supplier management process post award

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# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

**Edinburgh Sheriff Court** 

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Telephone

+44 1312252525

Country

**United Kingdom** 

## VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The authority will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection notification has previously been

made)applied to be selected to tender, of its decision to award the framework agreement which notification will contain among other

information,

a summary of the reasons why the economic operator was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a

minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which

the authority despatches the notice(s) and the date on which the authority proposes to conclude the relevant framework agreement.

The bringing of court proceedings against the authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering

into the framework agreement until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings

to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the framework agreement has been entered into include

the setting aside of the decision to award the framework agreement to the winning tenderer(s). The bringing of court proceedings against

the

authority after the framework agreement has been entered into will not affect the framework agreement unless grounds for the imposition

of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established. Otherwise the remedies that may be

awarded by the courts where the framework agreement has been entered into are limited to the award of damages. Economic operators are

entitled to write to the authority after receipt of the notification should they require further clarification. The authority will respond within

15 days of such a written request, but it should be noted that receipt by the authority of such request during the standstill period may not

prevent the authority from awarding the framework agreement following the expiry of the standstill period. 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

## VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Court of Session

Parliament House, Parliament Square

Edinburgh

EH1 1RQ

Country

**United Kingdom**