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## **Framework Agreement for High Value Laboratory Equipment**

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

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**National registration number**

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Main address

<https://nwupc.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/91080>

**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

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlentrance\\_s.asp?PID=67673&B=NWUPC](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlentrance_s.asp?PID=67673&B=NWUPC)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Sub-central contracting authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Framework Agreement for High Value Laboratory Equipment

Reference number

LAB3162 NW

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

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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

Supplies

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

NWUPC is seeking to establish a multi-provider Framework Agreement on behalf of the members of NWUPC, APUC, HEPCW, LUPC, NEUPC and SUPC for the supply of High Value Laboratory Equipment. The Framework Agreement will be split into 5 lots as follows:

Lot 1 – Magnetic Resonance Equipment,

Lot 2 – X-Ray, Imaging, Elemental & Micro Analysis Equipment and Microscopy Instruments,

Lot 3 – Spectroscopy Equipment,

Lot 4 – Mechanical, Thermal and Physical Testing Equipment.

Lot 5 – Radiation Safety & Detection Equipment.

This Framework Agreement will commence on 01st August 2023 for an initial period of 24 months until 31st July 2025 with the option to extend the Agreement for 12 months until

31st July 2026 and a further 12 months until 31st July 2027 subject to satisfactory Economic Operator performance.

Coverage on this agreement shall be national - covering all of the United Kingdom including Northern Ireland.

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

Value excluding VAT: £185,000,000

#### **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**

Magnetic Resonance Equipment

Lot No

1

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

- 33113000 - Magnetic resonance imaging equipment
- 38433000 - Spectrometers

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

- The scope includes but is not limited to the equipment identified in the lot title and specification document and any associated equipment. It is a mandatory minimum requirement that Economic Operators are able to supply, deliver, install and commission [meaning in this context set-up, test and assure operational functionality] equipment relevant to the lot to which they have applied. Also included in the scope on a non-mandatory basis is advice, design and consultancy; training, maintenance and servicing;

the provision of consumables, components, system upgrades, software licenses; and decommissioning and removal of equipment at end of life dependent on individual member institutional requirements.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Start date

1 August 2023

End date

31 July 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This framework agreement will commence on 01.08.2023 for an initial period of 24 months until 31.7.2025 with the option to extend the agreement for 12 months until 31.07.2026 and a further 12 months until 31.07.2027 subject to satisfactory economic operator performance.

#### **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: Yes

Identification of the project

The resulting framework may be used by institutions using various funds including but not limited to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Whilst the agreement is split into five lots as above, you only need to complete the award criteria questionnaire once within the EU Supply system irrespective of the number of lots to which you are applying, this is titled 'Supply of High Value Laboratory Equipment'.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

X-Ray, Imaging, Elemental & Micro Analysis Equipment and Microscopy Instruments

Lot No

2

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

- 33111400 - X-ray fluoroscopy devices
- 33114000 - Spectroscopy devices
- 33115000 - Tomography devices
- 38433000 - Spectrometers
- 38510000 - Microscopes
- 38511000 - Electron microscopes
- 38511100 - Scanning electron microscopes
- 38511200 - Transmission electron microscope
- 38514200 - Scanning probe microscopes
- 38530000 - Diffraction apparatus

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Please read the Supplier Guide to Tendering, Selection Criteria Scoring Mechanism, Invitation to Tender and accompanying appendices prior to completing any sections on this e-tendering system.

For all other lots, the lot description will be the scope outlined in the ITT.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Spectroscopy Equipment

Lot No

3

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

- 33114000 - Spectroscopy devices
- 38433000 - Spectrometers

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Mechanical, Thermal and Physical Testing Equipment

Lot No

4

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

- 38425000 - Fluid mechanics equipment
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring
- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments

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

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Radiation Safety & Detection Equipment

Lot No

5

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

- 35113200 - Nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological protection equipment
- 38341000 - Apparatus for measuring radiation

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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**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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### **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: 110

##### **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: [2023/S 000-002887](#)

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

Date

2 June 2023

Local time

1:00pm

### **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

2 June 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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## **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**

The following organisations have committed to this procurement and intend to utilise the Framework Agreement as soon as possible after award:

NWUPC <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

APUC <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>

HEPCW <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/about-us-2/>

LUPC <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list>

NEUPC <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>

SUPC <https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

At some point during the life of the Framework Agreement the current members of the following may wish to utilise the Agreement and should have access at any point with the permission of NWUPC. This Agreement is not intended to replace any current Agreements that either participating or non-participating Institutions may already have in place. A list of the current members is available as follows:

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Local Authorities

<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

<https://www.local.gov.uk>

NDPBs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>



National Parks Authorities

<https://www.nationalparks.uk/>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom

[http://www.police.uk/?view=force\\_sites](http://www.police.uk/?view=force_sites)

<https://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

NHS Bodies England

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-provider-directory/>

Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

[www.cas.org.uk](http://www.cas.org.uk)

Scottish Police

<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

NI Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/topics/your-executive/government-departments>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/government-departments-in-northern-ireland>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

Schools and Universities in Northern Ireland

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://online.hscni.net>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<https://www.psni.police.uk>

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

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

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