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Planning

Low Vision Aids

NSS National Procurement

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

Low Vision Aids

Reference number

NP69823

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38624000 - Optical aids

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to alert interested suppliers of the commencement of a new procurement for Low Vision Aids to support the National Low Vision Service for Scotland. The framework agreement will be tendered in July 2022 and will cover the supply to multiple primary care locations within all geographical Health Board regions, including rural and island locations.

The Service will be implemented as a phased rollout over 4 years.

Although this list may be subject to change it is anticipated that the types of aid required will include, but not be restricted to:

UV filters, Hand-held, Pocket and Stand Magnifiers, Monoculars, Spectacle Mounted Kits, Task Lamps, Vision Charts, Electronic Magnifiers and Non-optical aids.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Low Vision Aids

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38624000 - Optical aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply of a range of low vision aids.

A full list of the aids required will be provided within the tender documents but is expected that the supply of a wheeled carry case to support the secure transportation of a subset of aids necessary to conduct assessments within a domiciliary setting will also be required.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Low Vision Test Charts

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38624000 - Optical aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A full list of charts will be provided with the tender documents. While subject to change, it is anticipated that the following test charts will be required:

4M ETDRS LogMAR distance visual acuity chart, Bailey-Lovie NV chart, Pelli-Robson contrast sensitivity chart, McClure Reading test type, LogMAR Kay Picture test Linear crowded book.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Electronic/Digital Magnifiers

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38624000 - Optical aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supply of electronic/digital magnifiers.

The requirement for this Lot will be confirmed within the tender documents.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 July 2022

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 Service that this framework is intended to support will be implemented as a phased roll out over 4 years covering all geographical areas of Scotland. Roll out is expected to be completed by the end of financial year 2026/27.

Once fully implemented it is anticipated that the service will be provided by approximately 350 accredited practitioners assessing circa 20,000 patients within all areas of Scotland, including the Highlands and Islands.

An indication of anticipated patient numbers for the first 4 years of the framework is provided below.

2023/24 8000 patient assessments

2024/25 13000 patient assessments

2025/26 18000 patient assessments

2026/27 20000 patient assessments

The estimated total contract value of 3.5 million GBP listed in Section II.1.5 would be the estimated total contract value for an initial 4 year term plus 2 x 12 month extensions.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=694516.

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