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Tender

Audiological Equipment

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

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKM - Scotland

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Main address

<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

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

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

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

Audiological Equipment

Reference number

NP58122

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as National Services Scotland) ('the Authority') acting through its division National Procurement, is undertaking this procurement of Audiological Equipment ('Products') as outlined further below on behalf of all entities constituted pursuant to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, (i.e. all NHS Scotland Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Authority or other NHS Organisation established pursuant to the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978), any integrated Joint Boards established pursuant to the new Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 (collectively hereafter referred to as 'Participating Authorities').

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

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

OAE (Otoacoustic equipment)

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of OAE Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Otoscope and Ear Care

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Otoscope and Ear Care Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

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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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Electrophysiology

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Electrophysiology Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Balance

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Balance Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

New Born Screening

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of New Born Screening Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

3D Scanners

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of 3D Scanner Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Consumables

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Consumable Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Innovation

Lot No

12

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Innovation for new Equipment where awarded suppliers can add products during the duration of the framework including extensions. Suppliers must be awarded to the framework to enable them to request products to be added.

These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Diagnostic, Clinical & Screening Audiometers

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33121400 - Audiometers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Audiological audiometers, including Diagnostic, Clinical & Screening product types. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Tympanometers

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Tympanometers

Purchase and provision of Tympanometers. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

HA Fitting

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33185100 - Parts and accessories for hearing aids

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HA Fitting

Purchase and provision of HA Fitting Equipment. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training and Support / Weighting: 50%

Price - Weighting: 50%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Calibration

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 50433000 - Calibration services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Calibration Services. These will be purchased directly by Health Boards across Scotland.

We envisage awarding to 6 suppliers in this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Calibration Support / Weighting: 30%

Price - Weighting: 70%

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3 optional extension periods both consisting of 12 months can be utilised by the Authority.

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

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

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: 66

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

Date

3 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 2 October 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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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National Procurement, is undertaking this procurement on behalf of all entities constituted pursuant to the National Health Service

(Scotland) Act 1978, (i.e. all NHS Scotland Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Authority or other NHS Organisation established

pursuant to the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978), any integrated Joint Boards established pursuant to the new Public Bodies (Joint Working)

Scotland Act 2014 (collectively hereafter referred).

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24300. 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:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

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

It is a mandatory requirement that potential framework participants agree to support the concept, provision and ongoing development of community benefits provision in relation to this framework. Potential framework participants are required to agree to this mandatory requirement. They are also requested to provide a brief summary of the community benefits that have recently been delivered within Scotland, if at all, and also what impact and outcomes these have Page 16 to 17 achieved. Potential framework participants are required to summarise any proposed community benefits that will be developed and delivered as part of this contract if successful or, alternatively, potential framework participants confirm that they will engage with the NHS Scotland's Community Benefits Gateway (CBG). This gateway, developed through requests from suppliers seeking opportunities to support the delivery of community benefits within the contracting region, provides information on community benefit opportunities. The CBG is a free and easy to use online service that connects NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector community organisations within Scotland and will be used for tracking and reporting and is an approved compliant route to the realisation of community benefits. For further information please visit NHSS Community Benefit Gateway.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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. Where an economic operator is

dissatisfied with the Authority's response to its request for clarification, or considers that the framework agreement has been concluded in

breach of The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, such economic operator is advised to promptly seek independent legal advice.