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Contract

Audiological Batteries

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

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dda8

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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.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.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 Batteries

Reference number

NP65424

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31422000 - Battery packs

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Purchase and provision of Hearing Aid and cochlear implant batteries for NHS Scotland

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Hearing Aid Batteries Mercury Free

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31422000 - Battery packs

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Purchase and provision of Audiological and cochlear implant batteries for NHS Scotland.

The Authority intends to award this lot as a Sole Award.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Hearing Aid Batteries 675 Cochlear Implants

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31422000 - Battery packs

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of supply of Hearing Aid Batteries size 675 for Cochlear Implants

The authority will awarded a maximum of three suppliers as a multi supplier unranked award.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

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

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Hearing Aid Batteries Mercury Free

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

VARTA Microbattery GmbH

VARTA Platz 1

Ellwangen

73479

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE11D - Ostalbkreis

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,250,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Hearing Aid Batteries 675 Cochlear Implants

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 April 2025

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V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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 Batteries ('Products') 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'), where applicable and Scottish Hospices. The estimated values referred to in Section II.1.5 and 11.2.6 covers the 36 months contract duration plus the 2 x 12 months extension period of the framework agreement

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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.

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.