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

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

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

1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

#### **Email**

[jonathan.stevenson@nhs.scot](mailto:jonathan.stevenson@nhs.scot)

#### **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](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

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## **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

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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

#### **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: [2025/S 000-004532](#)

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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

#### **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

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

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

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## **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

EH1 1LB

Email

[edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto: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.