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Contract

School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme Distribution

NHS Supply Chain

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Supply Chain

Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road

London

SE1 8UG

Email

Governance@Supplychain.nhs.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care/about>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme Distribution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Supply Chain: Food is sought after suppliers who had the capacity and capability to deliver and possess the drive to work collaboratively with NHS Supply Chain: Food and Schools to provide the right solution and manage the Distribution into Schools as part of the SFVS.

This procurement was for:

- The distribution, storage and management of Fruit and Vegetable products under the SFVS to schools in England, which is a Government funded initiative that supplies a piece of fruit or vegetable to all key stage 1 children (ages 4-7) in England for consumption up to 190 days each academic year.

This procurement will be known as School Fruit and Vegetable Distribution (SFVD) and the Authority will award in line with the evaluation steps outlined within this ITT which is anticipated to be no more than 21 suppliers (although this may be more including reserve suppliers awarded) to the Framework Agreement to the most economically advantageous Applicants who will act as suppliers for the SFVS (the “Framework Agreement”).

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: £75,900,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

School Fruit and Vegetable Distribution (SFVD)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03200000 - Cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03221200 - Fruit vegetables
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15332410 - Dried fruit
- 64120000 - Courier services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS Supply Chain: Food looked to establish a Non-exclusive Framework Agreement for the supply of School Fruit and Vegetable Distribution to Schools in England (the

“Customer(s)”). via the Direct Route.

The awarded suppliers will be responsible for the storage management and distribution of the product lines to Schools within the scheme in England.

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a further 24 months.

The contract will be for a maximum term of 48 months.

It is anticipated that in the first 24 months the value of the Framework Agreement will be in the region of £37,950,000. This is based on the around 16,520 Primary Schools currently using the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

For the full 48 month term (if extended) the anticipated value of the Framework Agreement will be in the region of £75,900,000.

These values are approximate only and are based on the most recent historical usage information. The values provided are for guidance only and are not a guarantee of business.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Equal Opportunity / Weighting: 2

Quality criterion - Name: Fighting Climate Change / Weighting: 8

Cost criterion - Name: Financial / Weighting: 90

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will have the option to extend incrementally for up to a further 24 months.

The contract will be for a maximum term of 48 months

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.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

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

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

School Fruit and Vegetable Distribution (SFVD)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AG Axton and Sons Wholesale Limited

Hampshire

SO53 2FW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Minor, Weir and Willis Limited

Birmingham

B6 7BH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Redbridge Produce & Flowers Limited

Spalding

PE11 3YR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Westcountry Fruit Sales Limited

North Sheilds

NE29 7XJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Peacheys Catering Services Limited

Essex

SS14 3BN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

G.W. Price Limited

Sheffield

S21 4HL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £75,900,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

N/A

N/A

Country

United Kingdom