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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](mailto: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

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## **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

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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.1.6) 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**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-024953](#)

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

N/A

N/A

Country

United Kingdom