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Planning

Multi-Temperature Distribution

NHS Supply Chain

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-035b99

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS Supply Chain

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com>

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

Multi-Temperature Distribution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64120000 - Courier services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Supply Chain: Food is seeking a distribution partner to deliver and manage chilled, frozen and ambient food products into the NHS and its trusts for their catering needs. This procurement is for:

- 1) The supply, storage and management of chilled, frozen & ambient food products and distribution to trusts within the NHS;
- 2) The management and distribution to the customer(s) of nominated lines which may be the subject of a separate procurement event.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £52,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Multi-Temperature Distribution

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03210000 - Cereals and potatoes
- 03220000 - Vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03311000 - Fish
- 15110000 - Meat
- 15500000 - Dairy products
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15897200 - Canned goods

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a unique opportunity to become a national distribution partner which aims to deliver significant savings to the NHS and abide by the principles set out in the Carter report. This procurement will be known as the Multi Temperature Distribution (MTD) tender and the Authority will award a single supplier Framework Agreement to the most economically advantageous tenderer who will act as the single national distribution partner (the 'Distributor') for certain chilled, frozen and ambient food products for the NHS (the 'Framework Agreement' (FWA)).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 July 2023

Section IV. Procedure
IV.1) Description**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The purpose of this notice is to draw attention to a procurement that NHS Supply Chain intends to commence during the subsequent 12 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time. The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain: Food and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not awarded to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion. Whilst it is anticipated that initial expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of 52,000,000 GBP, a Framework Agreement is considered necessary to provide suitable requirements. NHS Supply Chain: Food expects to provide successful suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and commitment/bulk buy initiatives. The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain: Food and the supplier, however:

- 1) NHS Supply Chain; Food;
- 2) Any NHS trust;
- 3) Any other NHS entity;
- 4) Any government department, agency or other statutory body; and/or
- 5) Any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector will be able to enter into a direct contract with the supplier for any of the supplies and/or services under the Framework. The supplier will be required to report to and pay a direct contract management fee to NHS Supply Chain; Food as detailed in the tender documents. NHS Supply Chain: Food is currently considering the use of lots for this procurement. However, it reserves the right not to as part of any future tender process. Further information in respect of the lot strategy will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain; Food would also like to engage with the suppliers of these products via a request for information (RFI). If you would like to complete the request for information document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement then please follow the below instructions. Candidates wishing to complete the request for information must register their expression of interest. The request for information document will then be sent via the Jaggaer Messaging Centre.
Registration:

- 1) Use URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html> to access the NHS Supply Chain e-Procurement Portal;

2) If not yet registered:

— click on the 'Register Here' link to access the registration page,

Portal access:

If registration has been completed:

— login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

— click on 'SQs Open to All Suppliers' to get into the main section of the system.

Expression of interest:

— On the left-hand side, click on the Globe Icon, and under Sourcing select Published Opportunities then Current Opportunities.

— express an interest by clicking on the 'Express Interest' button.

Request for information document:

— the request for information questions will be in the 'My Response' within the qualification envelope.

— applicants will then have 8 weeks from the dispatch of this notice to complete and return the request for information document.