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Planning

Medical Hollowware

NHS Supply Chain

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Medical Hollowware

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Supply Chain seeks to establish a Framework Agreement which will cover a range of Medical Hollowware products for both single use and reusable, including, but not limited to, bed pans/urinals, medicine pots (including gallipots & denture pots), jugs, medicine spoons, instrument trays, kidney dishes, lotion bowls and wash bowls. The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is expected to be in the region of £4,434,712 (ex VAT) however this is approximate only. It is anticipated that in the first 12 months of the Framework Agreement the value of purchases will be circa £881,533 (ex VAT) however this is approximate only. The figures for the total estimated value are based on that initial expenditure and include a forecast for growth.

We would like to understand whether any suppliers/potential bidders have undertaken any lifecycle analysis or assessments to understand where the IMPACTS are and how to MITIGATE OR REDUCE them and We are also interested in hearing from suppliers as to whether there are any opportunities to embed CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRINCIPLES within this category.

Please complete the associated RFI document for this PIN and return to us to help gain a better understanding of the market by the 7th September 2023

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Disposable Patient Hollowware

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lot will cover a range of reusable medical hollowware products including, but not limited to, bedpans/urinals, medicine pots (including gallipots & denture pots), jugs, medicine spoons, kidney dishes, lotion bowls and wash bowls. For single use or disposable items, we are interested in hearing from suppliers as to how to reduce the environmental impact of these products, either through incorporation of more sustainable ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS (recycled content) or alternative materials with a lower impact (such as sugar cane).

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be £527,493 (ex VAT) in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is expected to be in the region of £2,141,836 (ex VAT) however this is approximate only.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and applicants may be required to include evidence of this with their tender submission.

ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the applicant's (and the product's) supply chain, covering manufacturing, storage and distribution.

Applicants should note that if an Applicant intends to commit to obtain ISO9001 at tender submission then further information will be requested to evidence their current position in obtaining ISO9001. ISO9001 must be in place prior to the commencement of the framework agreement in order for NHS Supply Chain to trade with the successful

Applicant.

II.2.14) Additional information

Evidence of compliance to the Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC may be requested as part of your tender response. Applicants will be required to submit the following 2 forms of evidence: a valid, in date CE certificate issued by a notified body covering the scope of products that are to be tendered for and an EC declaration of conformity covering all tendered product lines.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Re-usable Trays and Accessories

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lot will cover a range of reusable medical hollowware products including, but not limited to jugs, tracabilty tags and instrument trays.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be £146,033 (ex VAT) in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement. In the next Framework, we are looking to expand our offer on REUSABLE HOLLOWWARE suitable for a number of different healthcare environments including but not limited to theatres and wards to support the NHS on its journey to net zero, the NHS must reduce its reliance on single use. We want to ensure NHS trusts are able to purchase a comprehensive range of reusables to support them if they wish to transition away from single use hollowware, we would like to hear from suppliers of stainless steel as well as other materials suitable for re-usable containers/vessels/receptacles.

The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is expected to be in the region of £680,572 (Ex VAT) however this is approximate only.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and applicants may be required to include evidence of this with their tender submission.

ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the applicant's (and the product's) supply chain. This should include but not be limited to manufacturing storage and distribution. Applicants should note that if an Applicant intends to commit to obtain ISO9001 at tender submission then further information will be required to evidence their current position in obtaining ISO9001. ISO9001 must be in place at prior to the commencement of the framework agreement in order for NHS Supply Chain to trade with the successful Applicant.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Re-usable Patient Hollowware

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Lot will cover a range of reusable medical hollowware products including, but not limited to, bedpans/urinals, medicine pots (including gallipots & denture pots), medicine spoons, kidney dishes, lotion bowls and wash bowls. In the next Framework, we are looking to expand our offer on REUSABLE HOLLOWWARE suitable for a number of different healthcare environments including but not limited to theatres and wards to support the NHS on its journey to net zero, the NHS must reduce its reliance on single use. We want to ensure NHS trusts are able to purchase a comprehensive range of reusables to support them if they wish to transition away from single use hollowware, we would like to hear from suppliers of stainless steel as well as other materials suitable for re-usable containers/vessels/receptacles.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be £208,006 (Cost ex VAT) in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term is expected to be in the region of £1,612,305 (Cost ex VAT) however this is approximate only.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and applicants may be required to include evidence of this with their tender submission.

ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the applicant's (and the product's) supply chain. This should include but not be limited to manufacturing storage and distribution. Applicants should note that if an Applicant intends to commit to obtain ISO9001 at tender submission then further information will be required to evidence their current position in obtaining ISO9001. ISO9001 must be in place at prior to the commencement of the framework agreement in order for NHS Supply Chain to trade with the successful Applicant.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 April 2024

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

Applicants may be required to submit ward ready samples for each tendered product as evidence of compliance to the specification.

NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to re-open competition under this Framework Agreement with the successfully awarded Applicants.

The Framework Agreement will have an initial term of 24 months with an option to extend incrementally for up to a total period of 48 months, however this is subject to change. The final Framework term will be communicated in the Tender when published.

The following certification will be a requirement of the upcoming tender exercise and Applicants may be required to include evidence of this within their tender submission.

- ISO 9001:2015 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the Applicant's (and the product's) supply chain. This should include but not be limited to manufacturing, storage, distribution and customer service. Further information in respect of certification requirements will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. If such certificates are not in the name of the Applicant then the Applicant must supply a copy of agreements setting out the authority and responsibilities of all parties in the supply chain and provide evidence of ISO9001:2015 or equivalent for all relevant parties in the supply chain.

- Employers Liability Insurance cover of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant

- Public Liability Insurance cover of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant

- Product Liability Insurance cover in the name of the Applicant of £5m per claim or £5m per claim and in the annual aggregate

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Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation 2017/745 (where applicable).

If an Applicant commits to obtain ISO9001:2015 or equivalent quality standard certificate, Employers Liability Insurance, Public Liability Insurance or Product Liability Insurance certification at the time of their tender submission then the requirement is that such certification is in place prior to the commencement date of the framework agreement (in order for NHS Supply Chain to place orders with the successful Applicant).

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 and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed 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 £527,493 for this contract award, this is approximate only and the values will be to such level as those purchasing under the Framework Agreement consider necessary to provide suitable requirements.

NHS Supply Chain 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.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase supplies and/or services which it will make available for purchase by 1) any NHS Trust; 2) any other NHS entity; 3) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.