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## **Hypodermic Needles & Syringes**

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

F02: Contract 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)

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Edinburgh

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#### **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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

## **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**

Hypodermic Needles & Syringes

Reference number

NP51124

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33141310 - Syringes

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

National Framework for the supply of Hypodermic Needles & Syringes to NHS Scotland.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Blunt Fill Needle with Filter

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141320 - Medical needles

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require a Blunt Fill Needle with Filter that supports the effective filtration of containment particles when drawing up medication from either plastic, glass and / or rubber ampoules, within different environments that can be expected across NHS Scotland and is commonly used with a syringe (either Luer Lock or Luer Slip).

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 12-month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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**

Safety Insulin Needle & Syringe

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141320 - Medical needles

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require an insulin safety needle and syringe combination which are needle-based safety devices pre-attached to syringes that protect the clinical staff from accidental needlestick injuries. The product should be easy to use considering the range of applications that this is

used across NHS Scotland acute settings.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 60

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

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Description of renewals

2 optional 12-month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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**

Safety Hypodermic Needles

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141310 - Syringes

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require a Safety Hypodermic Needle which supports effective and efficient insertion for injecting substances into the body or can be used to extract fluids from the body within different environments that can be expected across NHS Scotland. A safety hypodermic needle is commonly used with a syringe (either Luer Lock or Luer Slip), whilst retaining rigidity to maximise first pass insertion rate and minimise patient risk / discomfort.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Price - Weighting: 60

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 Optional 12 month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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**

Blunt Fill Needle without Filter

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141320 - Medical needles

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require a Blunt Fill Needle without Filter that supports the drawing up of medication within different environments that can be expected across NHS Scotland and is commonly used with a syringe (either Luer Lock or Luer Slip).

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 12-month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

## **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**

Luer Slip Syringes

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141310 - Syringes

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require a Luer Slip Syringe for use within different environments that can be expected across NHS Scotland. One of the primary functions of a Luer Slip Syringe is to be used in conjunction with the Safety Hypodermic Needles.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 90

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 12-month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

## **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**

Non-Safety Hypodermic Needles

Lot No

6

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141320 - Medical needles

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require a Non-Safety Hypodermic Needle which supports effective and efficient insertion for injecting substances into the body or extracting fluids from the body within different environments that can be expected across NHS Scotland. A non-safety hypodermic needle is commonly used with a syringe (either Luer Lock or Luer Slip), whilst retaining rigidity to maximise first pass insertion rate and minimise patient risk / discomfort.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 12-month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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**

Safety Engineered Needle Devices (SENDs) for Insulin Pens

Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33141320 - Medical needles

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

We require a Safety Engineered Needle Device (SEND) for use with an insulin pen. The product should be easy to use considering the range of applications that this is used across NHS Scotland.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 60

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 12-month extension periods can be utilised by the Authority.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

3 years financial accounts

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Potential Framework Participants must confirm they already have or can commit to obtain, prior to the commencement of the contract, the levels of insurance cover indicated below:

Professional Risk Indemnity: 2M GBP

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability: 5M GBP

Public Liability: 5M GBP

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as detailed in the ITT documents

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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

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 40

#### **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: [2024/S 000-012330](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

1 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

1 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### VI.3) Additional information

The values listed in Section II.1.5 relates to the full duration of the framework including any extension options.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 27317. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

It is a mandatory requirement that potential framework participants agree to support the concept, provision and ongoing development of community benefits provision in relation to this framework. Potential framework participants are required to agree to this mandatory requirement. They are also requested to provide a brief summary of the community benefits that have recently been delivered within Scotland, if at all, and also what impact and outcomes these have achieved.

Potential framework participants are required to summarise any proposed community benefits that will be developed and delivered as part of this contract if successful or, alternatively, potential framework participants confirm that they will engage with the NHS Scotland's Community Benefits Gateway (CBG). This gateway, developed through requests

from suppliers seeking opportunities to support the delivery of community benefits within the contracting region, provides information on community benefit opportunities. The CBG is a free and easy to use online service that connects NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector community organisations within Scotland and will be used for tracking and reporting and is an approved compliant route to the realisation of community benefits.

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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

The Authority will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection process has previously been made) applied to be selected to tender, of its decision to award the Framework Agreement which notification will contain, among other information, a summary of the reasons as to why the economic operator was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a minimum of 10 (ten) clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 (fifteen) if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which the Authority despatches the notice(s) and the date on which the Authority proposes to conclude the relevant Framework Agreement.

The bringing of court proceedings against the Authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the Framework Agreement until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim

order, brings to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the Framework Agreement has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the

Framework Agreement to the winning tenderer(s). 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