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## **Digital Dictation, Speech Recognition & Outsourced Transcription Services 2**

NHS Shared Business Services Limited

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Companies House**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sbs.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.sbs.nhs.uk/proc-digital-it-frameworks>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/20806092>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/20806092>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

Public Sector Framework Provider <https://www.sbs.nhs.uk/nhs-sbs-about-us>

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Digital Dictation, Speech Recognition & Outsourced Transcription Services 2

Reference number

SBS10505

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

NHS Shared Business Services act in an Agency capacity for and on behalf of its customers (Approved Organisations) - existing and new. These comprise of NHS and Social Care organisations (whether acting individually, or on behalf of, or together as members of any consortia) along with any other public or private sector bodies which NHS SBS authorises to use the resulting Framework/Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).

NHS Shared Business Services Limited (NHS SBS) intends to put in place a Framework Agreement for the provision of Digital Dictation, Speech Recognition & Outsourced Transcription and related Goods and Services for Healthcare to be used by NHS SBS Approved Organisations.

Our Approved Organisation list can be found on:

<https://sbs.nhs.uk/proc-framework-agreements-support>

The Framework/DPS will be structured using the following Lots/Categories;

Lot/Category 1 - Lot 1a - Digital Dictation (Fixed)

Lot/Category 1 - Lot 1b - Digital Dictation (SaaS)

Lot/Category 2 - Lot 2a - Speech Recognition (Fixed)

Lot/Category 2 - Lot 2b - Speech Recognition (SaaS)

Lot/Category 3 - Lot 3 - Outsourced Transcription

Lot/Category 4 - Lot 4 - Combined Solutions

We are committed to working with suppliers who are dedicated to Sustainability and Social Value and there will be a significant weighting on these elements in the tender.

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

Value excluding VAT: £150,000,000

#### **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**

Digital Dictation (Fixed)

Lot No

1a

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

- 32332100 - Dictating machines
- 32342450 - Voice recorders
- 32344110 - Voice-logging system
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48314000 - Voice recognition software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 79550000 - Typing, word-processing and desktop publishing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK: United Kingdom

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

Lot 1a

Capital purchase of hardware/software goods and services for Digital Dictation. The new framework is to replace the existing framework (SBS/20/SM/WCC/9423) expires June 15th 2025

Bidders will deliver all the mandatory requirements as detailed in the Specification section of the Framework Agreement

There are additional Selection Qualification (SQ), Award Questionnaire (AQ) requirements, and Bidder Declarations applicable, and Bidders are asked to respond to these also.

A Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 1a.

Where the Bidder does not score a minimum of 50% out of an available 70% for quality in the AQ and subsequently does not score a minimum of 65% in total (AQ quality, Social Value and Price combined) the Authority shall exclude the submission from being appointed to the framework.

For all Lots, the maximum number of Bidders may increase where 2 or more Bidders have tied scores in last awardable position for the Lot. Additionally, NHS SBS reserves the right to award to any Bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last awardable position of the Lot

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority will have the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods on completion of the initial 24 month period, giving a total maximum duration of 48 months

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Successful Suppliers may be requested after award to present their offer in the form of electronic catalogues.

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

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

Digital Dictation (SaaS)

Lot No

1b

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

- 32332100 - Dictating machines
- 32342450 - Voice recorders
- 32344110 - Voice-logging system
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48314000 - Voice recognition software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems
- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services
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- 79550000 - Typing, word-processing and desktop publishing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK: United Kingdom

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

Lot 1b

Pay-as-you-go/price per line cost or software subscription cost for Digital Dictation Services. The new framework is to replace the existing framework (SBS/20/SM/WCC/9423) expires June 15th 2025

Bidders will deliver all the mandatory requirements as detailed in the Specification section of the Framework Agreement

There are additional Selection Qualification (SQ), Award Questionnaire (AQ)

requirements, and Bidder Declarations applicable, and Bidders are asked to respond to these also.

A Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 1b.

Where the Bidder does not score a minimum of 50% out of an available 70% for quality in the AQ and subsequently does not score a minimum of 65% in total (AQ quality, Social Value and Price combined) the Authority shall exclude the submission from being appointed to the framework.

For all Lots, the maximum number of Bidders may increase where 2 or more Bidders have tied scores in last awardable position for the Lot. Additionally, NHS SBS reserves the right to award to any Bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last awardable position of the Lot

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority will have the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods on completion of the initial 24 month period, giving a total maximum duration of 48 months

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



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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Successful Suppliers may be requested after award to present their offer in the form of electronic catalogues.

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

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

Speech Recognition (Fixed)

Lot No

2a

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

- 32332100 - Dictating machines
- 32342450 - Voice recorders
- 32344110 - Voice-logging system
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48314000 - Voice recognition software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems
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#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK: United Kingdom

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

Lot 2a

Capital purchase of hardware/software for additional or stand alone Speech and Voice recognition Services, including ambient and natural language processing technologies. The new framework is to replace the existing framework (SBS/20/SM/WCC/9423) expires June 15th 2025

Bidders will deliver all the mandatory requirements as detailed in the Specification section of the Framework Agreement

There are additional Selection Qualification (SQ), Award Questionnaire (AQ) requirements, and Bidder Declarations applicable, and Bidders are asked to respond to these also.

A Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 2a.

Where the Bidder does not score a minimum of 50% out of an available 70% for quality in the AQ and subsequently does not score a minimum of 65% in total (AQ quality, Social Value and Price combined) the Authority shall exclude the submission from being appointed to the framework.

For all Lots, the maximum number of Bidders may increase where 2 or more Bidders have tied scores in last awardable position for the Lot. Additionally, NHS SBS reserves the right to award to any Bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last awardable position of the Lot

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority will have the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods on completion of the initial 24 month period, giving a total maximum duration of 48 months

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Successful Suppliers may be requested after award to present their offer in the form of electronic catalogues.

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

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

Speech Recognition (SaaS)

Lot No

2b

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

- 32332100 - Dictating machines
- 32342450 - Voice recorders
- 32344110 - Voice-logging system
- 48311000 - Document management software package

- 48314000 - Voice recognition software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems
- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 79550000 - Typing, word-processing and desktop publishing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK: United Kingdom

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

Lot 2b

Pay-as-you-go/price per line cost or software subscription for additional or stand alone Speech and Voice recognition services including ambient and natural language processing technologies. The new framework is to replace the existing framework (SBS/20/SM/WCC/9423) expires June 15th 2025

Bidders will deliver all the mandatory requirements as detailed in the Specification section of the Framework Agreement

There are additional Selection Qualification (SQ), Award Questionnaire (AQ) requirements, and Bidder Declarations applicable, and Bidders are asked to respond to these also.

A Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 2b.

Where the Bidder does not score a minimum of 50% out of an available 70% for quality in the AQ and subsequently does not score a minimum of 65% in total (AQ quality, Social Value and Price combined) the Authority shall exclude the submission from being

appointed to the framework.

For all Lots, the maximum number of Bidders may increase where 2 or more Bidders have tied scores in last awardable position for the Lot. Additionally, NHS SBS reserves the right to award to any Bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last awardable position of the Lot

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in days

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority will have the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods on completion of the initial 24 month period, giving a total maximum duration of 48 months

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Successful Suppliers may be requested after award to present their offer in the form of electronic catalogues.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Outsourced Transcription

Lot No

3

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

- 32332100 - Dictating machines
- 32342450 - Voice recorders
- 32344110 - Voice-logging system
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48314000 - Voice recognition software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems
- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 79550000 - Typing, word-processing and desktop publishing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK: United Kingdom

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

Lot 3

Services to provide transcription from digital data files to written copy (hard or soft) of the data. The new framework is to replace the existing framework (SBS/20/SM/WCC/9423) expires June 15th 2025

Bidders will deliver all the mandatory requirements as detailed in the Specification section of the Framework Agreement

There are additional Selection Qualification (SQ), Award Questionnaire (AQ) requirements, and Bidder Declarations applicable, and Bidders are asked to respond to these also.

A Framework Agreement will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 3.

Where the Bidder does not score a minimum of 50% out of an available 70% for quality in the AQ and subsequently does not score a minimum of 65% in total (AQ quality, Social Value and Price combined) the Authority shall exclude the submission from being appointed to the framework.

For all Lots, the maximum number of Bidders may increase where 2 or more Bidders have tied scores in last awardable position for the Lot. Additionally, NHS SBS reserves the right to award to any Bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last awardable position of the Lot

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

## Description of options

The Authority will have the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods on completion of the initial 24 month period, giving a total maximum duration of 48 months

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

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Successful Suppliers may be requested after award to present their offer in the form of electronic catalogues.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Combined Solutions

Lot No

4

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

- 32332100 - Dictating machines
- 32342450 - Voice recorders
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48314000 - Voice recognition software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems
- 72212314 - Voice recognition software development services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72500000 - Computer-related services



- 79550000 - Typing, word-processing and desktop publishing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK: United Kingdom

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

Lot 4

A combination of the services in all of lots 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b and 3. The new framework is to replace the existing framework (SBS/20/SM/WCC/9423) expires June 15th 2025. To be awarded to this lot, Bidders must be successful in being awarded to a minimum of two Lots from Lots 1-3, as per the ITT Documentation.

Bidders will deliver all the mandatory requirements as detailed in the Specification section of the Framework Agreement

There are additional Selection Qualification (SQ), and Bidder Declarations applicable, and bidders are asked to respond to these also. There will be no evaluation of quality, social value or price for Lot 4.

A Framework Agreement will be automatically awarded to Lot 4 to bidders who are successfully awarded to any combination of 2 Lots from Lots 1-3 to supply solutions spanning multiple lots under a single Call-Off.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority will have the option to extend for a further 2 x 12 month periods on completion of the initial 24 month period, giving a total maximum duration of 48 months

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Successful Suppliers may be requested after award to present their offer in the form of electronic catalogues.

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

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

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Conditions to participate are as listed in the ITT documentation

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement 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

#### **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 000-019069](#)

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

Date

11 October 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

11 October 2024

Local time

1:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The value provided in 2.6 is only an estimate Based on existing market data and spend on current framework. NHS SBS cannot guarantee to successful Suppliers any business through this Framework Agreement. Spend and volumes may vary throughout the life of the Framework Agreement from the anticipated levels given in this notice.

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

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

NHS Shared Business Services Limited

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