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## **Medical Refrigeration and Cold Chain Equipment**

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")

Gyle Square (NSS Head Office), 1 South Gyle Crescent

Edinburgh

EH12 9EB

#### **Email**

[NSS.e-fcategory@nhs.scot](mailto:NSS.e-fcategory@nhs.scot)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1698794410

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nhsscotlandprocurement.scot.nhs.uk/>

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**

Medical Refrigeration and Cold Chain Equipment

Reference number

NP176/25

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

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus

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

Supplies

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

Lot1 (Refrigerators & Freezers)

Medical Refrigerators

Medical Freezers

Vaccine Freezers

Blood Bank Refrigerators

Laboratory Refrigerators and Freezers

Ultra-Low Temperature Freezers

Lot2 (Portable Equipment and Carriers/Porters)

Medical Coolers

Portable Refrigerators and Freezers

Temperature-Controlled Bags and Boxes

Lot3 (Temperature Monitoring and Alarm Systems)

**Fixed Monitoring Systems:** For continuous temperature monitoring in specific zones (e.g., refrigeration units, storerooms).

**Portable/Remote Monitoring Systems:** For flexible use across different environments.

**Alarm Systems:** Alerts for temperature excursions, equipment failures, or network connectivity issues.

**Data Logging and Reporting Systems:** Including data storage solutions that allow for secure, compliant data recording and archiving.

**Calibration and Maintenance Services:** Regular calibration to ensure accuracy and ongoing maintenance to ensure reliability.

**Emergency Support:** Immediate response services in case of system failure or alarm alerts.

#### **Lot4 (Cold Rooms)**

**Design and Installation:** Custom cold room design and installation tailored to facility-specific requirements, including layout, access, and space optimization.

**Temperature Control and Monitoring:** Systems to maintain options for continuous monitoring and alerts.

**Data Logging and Compliance Reporting:** Solutions to ensure secure data logging for compliance with NHS regulations.

**Maintenance and Calibration Services:** Regular maintenance, calibration, and servicing to ensure reliable and consistent operation.

**Emergency Support:** Fast-response support services in the event of system failures or temperature excursions.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

#### **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**

Portable Equipment and Carriers/Porters

Lot No

2

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

- 33190000 - Miscellaneous medical devices and products

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Supply of Vaccine Porter/Carrier system with temperature control validation.

Range of sizes to support various settings from care home/residential to mass immunisation clinics.

### **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

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1x12 month extension option

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **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**

Temperature Monitoring and Alarm Systems

Lot No

3

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

- 38126300 - Temperature or humidity surface observing apparatus

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Supply of Temperature Monitoring and Alarm Systems.

### **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

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1x12 month extension option

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **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**

Cold Rooms

Lot No

4

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

- 38126300 - Temperature or humidity surface observing apparatus

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Supply and installation of cold rooms.

#### **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

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1x12 month extension option

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **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**

Refrigerators and Freezers

Lot No

1

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

- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus

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



NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The supply, delivery, installation and commissioning with warranty of refrigerators and freezers.

#### **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

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1x12 month extension option

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

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

List and brief description of conditions

Refer to tender documentation

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Refer to tender documentation

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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: [2025/S 000-003476](#)

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

Date

30 June 2025

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

7 July 2025

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 Common Services Agency (more commonly known as National Services Scotland) ('the Authority') acting through its division

National Procurement, is undertaking this procurement of (add description here...) ('Products') on behalf of all entities constituted pursuant

to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, (i.e. all NHS Scotland Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Authority or other

NHS Organisation established pursuant to the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978), any integrated Join Boards established pursuant to the new

Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 (collectively hereafter referred to as 'Participating Authorities'), where applicable and

Scottish Hospices.

The estimated values referred to in Section II.1.5 and 11.2.6 covers the 60 months contract duration of

the framework agreement.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 24786. For more information see:

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

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

N/A

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.

For further information please visit NHSS Community Benefit Gateway

(SC Ref:750614)

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

Strategic decision.

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:

Refer to tender documents

(SC Ref:769925)

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 28989. For more information see:

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

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:

Refer to additional information

(SC Ref:800114)

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

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

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<http://www.edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Sheriff Court House

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The Authority will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection notification 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 why the economic operators was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a

minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which

the Authority dispatches 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.