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Planning

Digital Diagnostic Solutions

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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Buyer's address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Digital Diagnostic Solutions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48180000 - Medical software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Digital Diagnostic Solutions is to be the new Framework for the Medical IT Departmental Software and Hardware Solutions framework within NHS Supply Chain.

Digital systems are the backbone of any hospital with every department requiring a way to store, manage and share their data across sites, regions and even whole nations.

This framework will offer customers access to a number of suppliers across different clinical areas that sit within the Diagnostics, Equipment and Services area of NHS Supply Chain.

This Framework Agreement will offer managed and non-managed service contracts as well as software only.

Customers will have the ability to specify and create a fully bespoke Digital Diagnostic Solution for different requirements that can range from a single site or department to a solution across multiple departments or Trusts. Precise quantities are unknown. The estimated value over the total Framework Agreement term (including any extension options) is £700,000,000 including growth.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £700,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48180000 - Medical software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI4 - Inner London – East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement is to provide a route to market for departmental wide diagnostic IT solutions. This framework will sit alongside other capital equipment NHS Supply Chain frameworks such as but not limited to X-ray, MRI, CT.

The framework will be for 1 Lot and will cover the following areas. (Please note that these areas are still to be finalised).

Radiology PACS and Associated Hardware, Cardiology PACS and Associated Hardware, Radiology Information Systems (RIS) and Associated Hardware, Cardiovascular Information Systems (CVIS) and Associated Hardware, Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) and Associated Hardware, Order Communication Systems and Associated Hardware, Vendor Neutral Imaging Archive (VNA) and Associated Hardware

Diagnostic Imaging Software and Associated Hardware – for example, Advanced 3D visualisation Software, Dose Monitoring, CAD Software

Diagnostic Ultrasound software and Associated Hardware – for example, Ultrasound Image Management.

Endoscopy Management and Reporting Solutions and Associated Hardware – for example, Endoscopy Departmental Information Systems and Endoscopy Image Management

Departmental Software Solutions and Associated Hardware – for example, Theatres Department Information System, Business Analytics, ICU Department Information System, Maternity Information systems, Interoperability sharing solutions.

Diagnostic AI and Associated Hardware

Multi-Disciplinary Team Software.

II.2.14) Additional information

The planned publication of the Invitation to Tender will be in December 2024 and the contract award will be in July 2025. The framework will start August 2025.

However, the dates of the Invitation to Tender and other tender milestones are subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 December 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

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 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 accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (or equivalent) 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. If Quality Assurance Standard 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.
- Declaration of Conformity and UKCA Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to demonstrate compliance to Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EEC or Medical Device Regulation 2017/745 (where applicable).
- MHRA registration of any medical devices, in compliance with the Medical Devices Regulations 2022 (SI 2022 No 618, as amended) (UK MDR 2022).

NHS Supply Chain will assess the Applicant's economic and financial standing (or that of the entity or entities the Applicant is relying upon). Documentary evidence of this will be required at tender stage.

NHS Supply Chain will be assessing Sustainability and Social Value requirements as part of the upcoming tender process:

- > Carbon reduction Plan – All suppliers of new contracts for goods, services and works are required to publish a Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) (PPN 06/21). This will be a pass/fail requirement at SQ stage of the upcoming tender.
- > Social Value Requirements – All procurements will include a minimum 10% net zero and social value weighting. Questions in the upcoming tender will form part of the Non-Financial criteria. Should the upcoming tender be identified as Medium or High risk in relation to modern slavery, a pass/fail requirement will be implemented in relation to a Modern Slavery Social Value question, with a score of 2 or above required to achieve a pass.
- >Evergreen Assessment – All Suppliers are required to complete an Evergreen Supplier Assessment. This will be a pass/fail requirement at SQ stage of the upcoming tender.
- > NHS England Supplier Roadmap – The NHS net zero supplier roadmap sets out the steps suppliers must take to align with the NHS net zero ambition between now and 2030.
- > Modern Slavery – All suppliers must complete and maintain an up-to-date Modern Slavery Assessment Tool (MSAT) as a minimum requirement (PPN 02/23).

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain anticipates engaging with suppliers of these products via an expression of interest and a Request for Information (RFI). Please follow the guidance below:

PORTAL ACCESS

- Login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>
- Click on “SQs Open to All Suppliers” and search for the title of the procurement.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Click on the ‘EXPRESS INTEREST’ button in the top right corner.

RFI

- The Request for Information Document will be available in the Qualification envelope and attachments tab. The closing date for responses to the RFI will be indicated here.