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## **Community and Acute Equipment and Services, including Continence Products and Delivery (SBS10525)**

N H S Shared Business Services

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-035884

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04b43c

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Companies House**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/21498527>

Additional information can be obtained from 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

Community and Acute Equipment and Services, including Continence Products and Delivery (SBS10525)

Reference number

SBS10525

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33196000 - Medical aids

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

NHS Shared Business Services Limited (NHS SBS) 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.

NHS SBS intends to put in place a Framework Agreement for the provision of Community and Acute Equipment and Services, including Continence Products and Delivery to be used by NHS SBS Approved Organisations.

Our Approved Organisation list can be found on:

<https://www.sbs.nhs.uk/services/framework-agreements-categories/>

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: £475,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

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

Community and Acute Equipment

Lot No

1

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

- 33192100 - Beds for medical use
- 33192110 - Orthopaedic beds
- 33192120 - Hospital beds
- 33192130 - Motorised beds
- 33192140 - Psychiatric couches
- 33192150 - Therapy beds
- 33192600 - Lifting equipment for health care sector
- 33193100 - Invalid carriages and wheelchairs
- 33193110 - Invalid carriages
- 33193120 - Wheelchairs
- 33193121 - Motorised wheelchairs
- 33193200 - Parts and accessories for invalid carriages and wheelchairs
- 33193211 - Motors for invalid carriages
- 33193212 - Steering devices for invalid carriages

- 33193213 - Control devices for invalid carriages
- 33193214 - Chassis for invalid carriages
- 33193220 - Parts and accessories for wheelchairs
- 33193221 - Wheelchair cushions
- 33193222 - Wheelchair frames
- 33193223 - Wheelchair seats
- 33193224 - Wheelchair wheels
- 33193225 - Wheelchair tyres
- 33196100 - Devices for the elderly
- 33196200 - Devices for the disabled
- 39143111 - Mattress supports
- 39143112 - Mattresses
- 42400000 - Lifting and handling equipment and parts
- 50421100 - Repair and maintenance services of wheelchairs

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

"One Stop Shop" for Community and Acute Equipment and Services. Including:

A range of aids to daily living, and moving equipment such as trolleys, chairs, handling equipment, lifts, hoists, adjustable couches, plinths and clinical furniture.

Wheelchairs and associated products, including managed services for maintenance and decontamination.

A range of Community and Acute Beds and Mattresses, including managed services for maintenance and decontamination.

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

Please see description in the main contract objective on the Request for Information (RFI). Lots will be further defined as an outcome of this initial market engagement PIN. The new Framework, subject to review and change, is expected to go live shortly after the expiry of the existing Framework Agreement SBS10015 on 31/12/2025.

Please see the link at section 1.3 above for instructions on how to participate and submit responses via the SAPAriba RFI.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Continence Products and Delivery

Lot No

2

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

- 33141621 - Incontinence kit
- 85142400 - Home delivery of incontinence products

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A range of Continence Products, including home delivery services

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

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new Framework, subject to review and change, is expected to go live shortly after the expiry of the existing Framework Agreement SBS10015 on 31/12/2025.

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

29 April 2025

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to signal an intention to commence market engagement with those suppliers within the Community and Acute Equipment, Continence and Delivery market.

Please complete the RFI via the SAP Ariba portal.

The lotting structure may be amended following responses to the RFI which has two options listed. Option 1 is as indicated within the PIN and RFI. Option 2 is detailed within the PIN but would involve an expanded lotting structure as follows: -

Lot 1 - Community Equipment - A range of aids to daily living, and moving equipment such as trollies, chairs, handling equipment, lifts, hoists, adjustable couches, plinths and clinical furniture.

Lot 2 - Wheelchairs and associated products, including managed services for maintenance and decontamination.

Lot 3 - Beds and Mattresses - A range of Community and Acute Beds and Mattresses,

including managed services for maintenance and decontamination.

Lot 4 - Continence Products and Delivery - A range of Continence Products, including home delivery services.

Further NHS Shared Business Services Limited (NHS SBS) reserves the right to withdraw this notice at any time. NHS SBS is not bound to accept any proposals submitted by Bidders and is not liable for any costs incurred as a result of Bidders engaging with this process. This early market engagement exercise does not guarantee that a Procurement will take place and NHS SBS reserves the right to defer from any Procurement entirely.

NHS SBS intends to hold market engagement sessions during the November / December 2024 with industry experts and suppliers interested in potentially bidding for the resulting Framework Agreement

NHS SBS will use an eSourcing system for any procurement activity taken subsequent to this PIN. The eSourcing system we will use is SAP Ariba.

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a Framework Agreement if invited to do so.

The value in II.1.5 is an indicative value over 4 years from 01/01/2026

The date in II.3) is the estimated date of publication, please monitor Find a Tender Service <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Search> for the publication of the relevant high value contract notice.