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## **Syringes, Needles including Biopsy and Associated Products**

NHS Supply Chain Operated by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd (SCCL)

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

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

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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 another address:

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Buyer's address

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<https://nhssupplychain.app.iaggaer.com/>

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Syringes, Needles including Biopsy and Associated Products

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

- 33141310 - Syringes

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

Supplies

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

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 Framework agreement for the supply of Syringes Needles and Associated Products includes hypodermic needles, insulin pen needles, biopsy needles and associated products, hypodermic syringes, tuberculin syringes, insulin syringes, prefilled 0.9% saline syringes, catheter tip syringes, combined needle and syringe products, spinal needles and kits (including NRFit), epidural needles and kits (including NRFit), nerve block/nerve stimulation needles (including NRFit), speciality needles, intraosseous needles and devices, blunt fill drawing up devices, oral drug syringes and syringe caps - all with or without safety devices where appropriate. NHS Supply Chain are also looking into the potential inclusion of bifurcated needles. Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £50,000,000 to £65,000,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement. Estimated value over the maximum 4 year Framework Agreement (2+2 Term) will be in the region of £260,000,000.

The Framework Agreement between NHS Supply Chain and successful suppliers will reserve the right to purchase the same or similar supplies and/or services from suppliers not appointed to the Framework Agreement at its sole discretion.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into arrangements under which it will be entitled to purchase supplies and/or services which it will make available for purchase by 1) any NHS Trust; 2) any other NHS entity; 3) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or 4) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector. Only NHS Supply Chain can order from the Framework Agreement and enter into contracts under it.

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

Value excluding VAT: £260,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

## **II.2) Description**

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

Syringes, Needles and Associated Products

Lot No

Lot 1

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

- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 33141310 - Syringes
- 33141320 - Medical needles
- 33141321 - Anesthesia needles
- 33141326 - Radiology procedural needles
- 33141328 - Epidural needles
- 33141329 - Amniocentesis needles
- 33171300 - Epidural kits or packs

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

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

Syringes, Needles and Associated Products including hypodermic needles, insulin pen needles, hypodermic syringes, tuberculin syringes, insulin syringes, prefilled 0.9% saline syringes, catheter tip syringes, combined needle and syringe products, spinal needles and kits (including NRFit), epidural needles and kits (including NRFit), nerve block/nerve stimulation needles (including NRFit), speciality needles, intraosseous needles and devices, blunt fill drawing up devices, oral drug syringes and syringe caps - all with or without safety devices where appropriate. NHS Supply Chain are also looking into the potential inclusion of bifurcated needles

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £47,000,000 to £60,000,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Biopsy Needles and Associated Products

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 33141323 - Biopsy needles

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various Locations in the UK

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

Biopsy Needles and Associated Products including core biopsy needles including automatic, semi-automatic and manual, fine needle aspiration needles, bone marrow needles, coaxial introducer needles, bone biopsy needles and transperineal access devices to allow the user to perform transperineal prostate biopsies under local anaesthetic

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £3,000,000 to £5,000,000 in the first year of this Framework Agreement, however this is approximate only and the values may vary depending on the requirements of those bodies purchasing under the Framework Agreement.

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

2 July 2024

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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

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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 or equivalent externally accredited and up-to-date quality standard certificate(s) to cover all segments of the Applicant's (and the product's) supply chain. This should include but not be limited to manufacturing, storage, distribution and customer service. Further information in respect of certification requirements will be set out in the notice for the forthcoming procurement. If such 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 and provide evidence of ISO9001:2015 or equivalent for all relevant parties in the supply chain.
- Public Liability Insurance cover of £5m per claim in the name of the Applicant
- Product Liability Insurance cover in the name of the Applicant of £5m per claim or £5m per claim and in the annual aggregate
- Declaration of Conformity and UKCA Certification to demonstrate compliance to UK Medical Device

Regulations 2002 or Declaration of Conformity and CE Certification to d-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).

If an Applicant commits to obtain ISO9001:2015 or equivalent quality standard certificate, Public Liability Insurance or Product Liability Insurance certification at the time of their tender submission then the requirement is that such certification is in place prior to the commencement date of the framework agreement (in order for NHS Supply Chain to place orders with the successful Applicant).

The NHS has adopted PPN 06/20 (taking account of Social Value), and therefore this future Framework Agreement will include some qualitative evaluation questions on Social Value with a min. weighting of 10% towards the award. For more information please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0620-taking-account-of-social-value-in-the-award-of-central-government-contracts>. In addition, from April 2023: the NHS adopted the Government's 'Taking Account of Carbon Reduction Plans' (PPN 06/21) requiring all suppliers with new contracts for goods, services, and/or works



with an anticipated contract value above £5 million per annum, to publish a carbon reduction plan for their direct emissions. From April 2024, the NHS will expand this requirement for all new contracts, irrespective of value. Suppliers bidding on NHS Supply Chain tenders will also be required to submit an Evergreen Assessment, please see

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/>.

PPN02/23 "Tackling Modern Slavery in Government Supply Chains" will also apply.

As part of its pre-tender strategy, NHS Supply Chain would also like to engage with suppliers of these products via a Request for Information (RFI). If you would like to complete the Request for Information document in respect of the products which are the subject of this procurement then please follow the below instructions;

## REGISTRATION

1. Use URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.iaggaer.com//> to access the NHS Supply Chain Procurement portal.

2. If not yet registered:

- Click on the 'Not Registered Yet' link to access the registration page.
- Complete the registration pages as guided by the mini guide found on the landing page.

## PORTAL ACCESS

If registration has been completed:

- Login with URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.iaggaer.com//> .
- Click on "SQs Open to All Suppliers".

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Find SQ\_457 - RFI - Syringes, Needles and Associated Products and click on the blue text. Select Express interest.