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## **Wound Closure**

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

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04545a

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

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

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

Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road

London

SE1 8UG

#### **Contact**

Sarah Bailey

#### **Email**

[sarah.bailey@supplychain.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.bailey@supplychain.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI4 - Inner London – East

**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**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

NHS Supply Chain

City Link

Nottingham

NG2 4LA

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United Kingdom

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UKF14 - Nottingham

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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>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.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**

Wound Closure

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

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

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

Supplies

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

The scope of the intended framework covers the full range of various sizes and types of products that are used to close wounds or tissue approximation. Including: sutures, haemostats, tissue adhesives, suture needles, skin staplers and wound closure strips.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be circa £87,800,000 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. The estimated value of the total Framework Agreement term will be circa £400,000,000. 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.

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

Value excluding VAT: £400,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 24911200 - Adhesives

- 33141000 - Disposable non-chemical medical consumables and haematological consumables
- 33141121 - Surgical sutures
- 33141127 - Absorbable haemostatics
- 33141128 - Needles for sutures

### **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**

This Lot includes sutures, haemostats, tissue adhesives, suture needles, skin staplers and wound closure strips.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be circa £87,800,000 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. The estimated value of the total Framework Agreement term will be circa £400,000,000.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Supply Chain Resilience / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Sales, Service & Quality / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £87,800,000 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.

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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

Applicants should refer to II.2 of this Contract Notice for further details in respect of appointment to the individual Lot across the Framework Agreement.

NHS Supply Chain expects to provide successful Suppliers with the opportunity to offer additional savings to customers through the provision of discounted pricing, value added offerings and commitment initiatives. NHS Supply Chain will share savings information in order to assist its customers with making informed procurement decisions.

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier. Under the Framework Agreement the method of supply is for Non-Direct Contract Products.

NHS Supply Chain will be entitled to purchase the supplies identified as Non-Direct Contract Products which it will then 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.

Electronic ordering will be used and electronic invoicing will be accepted and electronic payment will be used. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding the estimate indicated at II.2.1, NHS Supply Chain does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework and advises Applicants that the framework shall be established on a non-exclusive basis. Tenders and all supporting documentation for the contract must be priced in sterling and written in English. Any agreement entered into will be considered a contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts. NHS Supply Chain is not liable for any costs (including any third party costs fees or expenses incurred by those expressing an interest, participating, or tendering for this contract opportunity). NHS Supply Chain reserves the right to terminate the procurement process (or part of it), to change the basis of and the procedures for the procurement process at any time, or to procure the subject matter of the contract by alternative means if it appears that it can be more advantageously procured by alternative means. The most economically advantageous or any tender will not automatically be accepted. All communications must be made through NHS Supply Chain's eTendering portal at <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//> using the Message Centre facility linked to this particular contract notice.

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to require groupings of entities to take a particular form, or to require one party to undertake primary legal liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

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

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

The Framework Agreement includes obligations with respect to environmental issues and a requirement for successful suppliers to comply with the NHS Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

Although an electronic auction will not be used to award all or part of the requirements of the Framework Agreement the use of eAuctions may be an option as part of any contracts awarded under the Framework Agreement.

#### **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: [2024/S 000-013095](#)

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

Date

8 January 2025

Local time

3:00pm

#### **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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

9 January 2025

Local time

9:00am

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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**

Submission of expression of interest and procurement specific information:

This procurement exercise will be conducted on the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal at <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.com//>

Candidates wishing to be considered for this contract must register their expression of interest and provide additional procurement-specific information (if required) through the NHS Supply Chain eTendering portal as follows:

Registration.

1. Use URL <https://nhssupplychain.app.jaggaer.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.jaggaer.com//> .

— Click on ITTs Open to All Suppliers.

— Select from the following ITTs:

ITT\_1550 Wound Closure

Please note: you must respond to ITT\_1550 In addition to any lots you intend to respond to.

— Click on Express Interest.

— If you intend to respond select Intend to Respond.

Applicants are encouraged to download the supplier handbook located within the eProcurement portal by following the 'Supplier Helpcentre' link within the Useful Links section of the Dashboard.

For any technical help with the portal please contact:

Tel: 0800 069 8630 or email: [help\\_uk@jaggaer.com](mailto:help_uk@jaggaer.com)

Please refer to Section III.1.1 for additional information.

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

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

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Appeals to be logged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)