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Contract

Standalone Non-Imaging Vibration-Controlled Ultrasound System

Supply Chain Coordination Limited

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Standalone Non-Imaging Vibration-Controlled Ultrasound System

Reference number

Project_1490

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Supply Chain intends to launch a National Framework Agreement for the provision of Ultrasound System to Quantify Liver and or Spleen Stiffness and Measure Liver Steatosis that includes the following:

- The ability to measure liver stiffness to quantify fibrosis and cirrhosis.
- The ability to measure fatty liver to quantify steatosis non-invasively.
- The functionality of Vibration-Controlled Transient Elastography (VCTE) technology.
- The ability to allow any clinical practitioners to use the system rather than a trained sonographer only.

For the avoidance of doubt consumables will only be in scope of the proposed Framework if purchased alongside the types of equipment, as stated in any subsequent specification.

Precise quantities are unknown. It is anticipated that initial expenditure will be in the region of £17,500,000 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 over the total Framework Agreement term (including any extension options) is anticipated to be in the region of £35,000,000.

NHS Supply Chain engaged with suppliers that can provide a Standalone Non-Imaging Vibration-Controlled Ultrasound System to Quantify Liver and or Spleen Stiffness and Measure Liver Steatosis. The PIN 2024/S 000-039307 intended to identify such providers with a view to ultimately align this solution within the scope of Endoscopy and Ultrasound Framework which is due for renewal in November 2026. Suppliers capable of delivering such a solution were invited to submit proposals to provide a route to market that enables access for the NHS during the interim period until the award of the new framework on 2nd November 2026.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £35,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Following the publication of a Prior Information Notice (PIN) NHS Supply Chain is entering into a Framework Agreement for the provision of a Standalone Non-Imaging Vibration-Controlled Ultrasound System to Quantify Liver and or Spleen Stiffness and Measure Liver Steatosis that includes the following:

- The ability to measure liver stiffness to quantify fibrosis and cirrhosis.
- The ability to measure fatty liver to quantify steatosis non-invasively.
- The functionality of Vibration-Controlled Transient Elastography (VCTE) technology.
- The ability to allow any clinical practitioners to use the system rather than a trained sonographer only.

NHS Supply Chain intends to enter into a Framework Agreement with 1 available supplier. The term of this Framework Agreement is anticipated to be up to the end date of 10 November 2026, with the option to extend for up to 12 months.

The Framework Agreement will be between NHS Supply Chain and the Supplier, however 1) NHSSC, 2) any NHS Trust; 3) any other NHS entity; 4) any government department, agency or other statutory body and/or 5) any private sector entity active in the UK healthcare sector will be able to enter into a direct contract with the Supplier for any of the supplies and/or services under the Framework. 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.1.7, NHSSC does not guarantee any level of purchase through the framework. Any agreement entered will be considered a contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Not Applicable / Weighting: 100

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend up to a total of 12 months

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

There was only 1 supplier in the market that met all the requirements following the publication of a PIN.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Project_1490

Title

Standalone Non-Imaging Vibration-Controlled Ultrasound System

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Echosens UK Limited

Altincham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD34 - Greater Manchester South West

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £35,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Country

United Kingdom