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Tender

Anti-Embolism Stockings, Lymphoedema Products, Compression Devices & Accessories

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as NHS National Services Scotland) (NSS)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.nss.nhs.scot/browse/procurement-and-logistics>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA11883

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

www.publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.publictenderscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Anti-Embolism Stockings, Lymphoedema Products, Compression Devices & Accessories

Reference number

NP53635

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as National Services Scotland) ('the Authority') acting through its division National Procurement, is undertaking this procurement of The supply and provision of Anti-Embolism Stockings, Lymphoedema Products, Compression Devices & Accessories ('Products') as outlined further below on behalf of all entities constituted pursuant to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, (i.e. all NHS Scotland Health Boards, Special Health Boards and the Authority or other NHS Organisation established pursuant to the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978), any integrated Joint Boards established pursuant to the new Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 (collectively hereafter referred to as 'Participating Authorities').

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,240,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Stroke Patients - Comfort Sleeve

Lot No

12

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Compression Stroke Patients products for NHSS.

Sequential compression to aid in the prevention of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE) in the at-risk patient.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Anti-Embolism Stockings (Non-mechanical)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Compression stockings are a specialised hosiery designed to help prevent the occurrence of, and guard against further progression of, venous disorders such as edema, phlebitis and thrombosis. Compression stockings are elastic garments worn around the leg, compressing the limb. This reduces the diameter of distended veins and increases venous blood flow velocity and valve effectiveness. Compression therapy helps decrease venous pressure, prevents venous stasis and impairments of venous walls, and relieves heavy and aching legs.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Ranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 15

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months option to extend

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Prevention DVT (Mechanical)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Pneumatic Compression Therapy is used to prevent a deep clot in a leg vein forming and then breaking free and stick in a vessel in the lung also known as a pulmonary embolism (PE). There are many factors that increase a person's risk to getting DVT which requires DVT prevention devices

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Ranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 50

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Pumps & Accessories Lymphoedema

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lymphedema Pumps are pneumatic compression devices that inflate leg or arm sleeves with multiple chambers in a sequence distal to proximal. This causes a milking effect on the lymphatic system to promote lymph drainage.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Hosiery Kit

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Compression garments, hosiery or wraps, are used in the long term management of chronic oedema (usually following compression bandaging), prophylaxis and treatment of venous leg ulceration, and post DVT to prevent post thrombotic syndrome.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension optional to the authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Products Flat Knit (RAL Standard) (Ready to Wear)

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Flat knit hosiery is knitted using heavier and more robust yarns and the material is sown together creating a seam. These garments are indicated in the management of patients with more severe swelling and distortion in shape, and they are also useful for bridging skin folds and fatty limbs where circular knit garments would gather and cause a tourniquet effect.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Products Flat Knit (RAL Standard) (Custom Fit)

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Upper and lower limb custom-fit, flat-knit garments for the treatment of mild to moderate lymphoedema and specifically designed for those patients with dry, sensitive or fragile skin.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Products Round Knit (British Standard) (Ready to Wear)

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Compression Products Round Knit (British Standard) (Ready to Wear) for NHSS.

Compression garments designed to offer highly effective, therapeutic compression for the management of venous and lymphatic diseases..

Classification - British Standard designed for venous disorders giving compression at the ankle of 14mmHg – 17mmHg (class 1) and 18 – 21mmHg (class 2)

Circular knit (round knit) hosiery is seamless, and because finer yarns are used, they are more cosmetically pleasing to patients. They are suitable in the management of mild swelling where there is no shape distortion and the skin is intact.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Products Round Knit (British Standard) (Custom Fit)

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Compression Products Round Knit (British Standard) (Custom Fit) for NHSS.

Compression garments designed to offer highly effective, therapeutic compression for the management of venous and lymphatic diseases.

Classification - British Standard designed for venous disorders giving compression at the ankle of 14mmHg – 17mmHg (class 1) and 18 – 21mmHg (class 2)

Circular knit (round knit) hosiery is seamless, and because finer yarns are used, they are more cosmetically pleasing to patients. They are suitable in the management of mild swelling where there is no shape distortion and the skin is intact.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Products Round Knit (RAL Standard) (Ready to Wear)

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Compression Products Round Knit (RAL Standard) (Ready to Wear) for NHSS.

The concept of graduated compression hosiery is such that hosiery should be knitted to apply an ever decreasing pressure from the ankle to the thigh, or in the case of below knee hosiery, from the ankle to the knee. The degree of this graduation is laid down in the RAL standard or Hohenstein tested hosiery and British Standard BS 6612:1985. There are slight differences between the graduation requirements on the two specifications.

Classification - RAL standard specifies the yarns and material which can be used for producing medical compression stockings, store the compression classes, the sizes for standard size hosiery and the testing method.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Functional Characteristics / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 60

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Compression Products Round Knit (RAL Standard) (Custom Fit)

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Compression Products Round Knit (RAL Standard) (Custom Fit) for NHSS.

The concept of graduated compression hosiery is such that hosiery should be knitted to apply an ever decreasing pressure from the ankle to the thigh, or in the case of below knee hosiery, from the ankle to the knee. The degree of this graduation is laid down in the RAL standard or Hohenstein tested hosiery and British Standard BS 6612:1985. There are slight differences between the graduation requirements on the two specifications.

Classification - RAL standard specifies the yarns and material which can be used for producing medical compression stockings, store the compression classes, the sizes for standard size hosiery and the testing method

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Inelastic Adjustable Compression Garments

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Inelastic Adjustable Compression Garments for NHSS.

Adjustable short-stretch compression wrap system designed for treating patients with lymphatic and venous conditions.” “compression wrap system for the treatment of lymphoedema, chronic oedema and various other swelling related conditions.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Consumables

Lot No

13

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of in-scope consumables for NHSS.

We are envisage awarding this lot as a Multi Supplier Unranked with Five Suppliers.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Product innovation & future scope. Post award.

Lot No

14

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 18315000 - Stockings

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot allowing aspects to future proof within the scope of Stockings framework.

Provide a platform for product innovation or advanced development within the scope of the framework.

Considerations can only be proposed from suppliers that have a positive commercial submission on the framework in any ranked position (ranked 6th or above still qualifies)

Proposals must compliment the framework scope. Systems or non-specific products will not be considered.

Any proposal that replicates or duplicates any of the other Lots within framework will not be considered.

Proposals should not crossover any other NHS Scotland contract or framework. Not a backdoor process to have products listed nationally.

Approved products would fall under the same Terms & Conditions for framework adherence.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Training & Support / Weighting: 20

Price - Weighting: 80

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 x 12 months extension option available to the Authority

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 60

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

Date

24 September 2025

Local time

11:30am

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

Tender must be valid until: 24 December 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 September 2025

Local time

11:30am

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

The Common Services Agency (more commonly known as National Services Scotland) ('the Authority') acting through its division National Procurement, is undertaking this procurement of NP53625 Anti-Embolism Stockings, Lymphoedema Products, Compression Devices & Accessories ('Products') on behalf of all entities constituted pursuant to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, (i.e. all NHS Scotland Health

Boards, Special Health Boards and the Authority or other NHS Organisation established pursuant to the NHS (Scotland) Act 1978), any integrated Joint Boards established pursuant to the new Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 (collectively hereafter referred to as 'Participating Authorities'), where applicable and Scottish Hospices.

The estimated values referred to in Section II.1.5 and 11.2.6 covers the 36 months contract duration and the 2x 12 month extension period of the framework agreement.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 29956. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:
<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

It is a mandatory requirement that potential framework participants agree to support the concept, provision and ongoing development of community benefits provision in relation to this framework.

Potential framework participants are required to agree to this mandatory requirement. They are also requested to provide a brief summary of the community benefits that have recently been delivered within Scotland, if at all, and also what impact and outcomes these have achieved.

Potential framework participants are required to summarise any proposed community benefits that will be developed and delivered as part of this contract if successful or, alternatively, potential framework participants confirm that they will engage with the NHS Scotland's Community Benefits Gateway (CBG). This gateway, developed through requests from suppliers seeking opportunities to support the delivery of community benefits within the contracting region, provides information on community benefit opportunities. The CBG is a free and easy to use online service that connects NHS Scotland suppliers with third sector community organisations within Scotland and will be used for tracking and reporting and is an approved compliant route to the realisation of community benefits.

For further information please visit NHSS Community Benefit Gateway

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Email

edinburgh@scotcourts.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will notify economic operators who submitted a tender or (where no deselection notification has previously been made) applied to be selected to tender, of its decision to award the framework agreement which notification will contain among other information, a summary of the reasons why the economic operators was unsuccessful. The notification will incorporate a 'standstill period' of a minimum of 10 clear calendar days (or a minimum of 15 if the communication method used is not electronic) between the date on which the Authority dispatches the notice(s) and the date on which the Authority proposes to conclude the relevant framework agreement. The bringing of court proceedings against the Authority during the standstill period will automatically continue the prohibition on entering into the framework agreement until the court proceedings are determined, discontinued or disposed of, or the court, by interim order, brings to an end the prohibition. The remedies that may be awarded by the courts before the framework agreement has been entered into include the setting aside of the decision to award the framework agreement to the winning tenderer(s). The bringing of court proceedings against the Authority after the framework agreement has been entered into will not affect the framework agreement unless grounds for the imposition of special penalties under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 can be established. Otherwise, the remedies that may be awarded by the courts where the framework agreement has been entered into are limited to the award of damages

