

United Kingdom-Leeds: Vitamins
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Contract notice
Supplies

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department of Health

Town: Leeds

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: LS2 7UE

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: supplier.helpdesk@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Internet address(es):

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

Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

The Healthy Start Vitamin Scheme Manufacture of Women's Products.

Reference number: 60479

II.1.2. Main CPV code

33616000 Vitamins

II.1.3. Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4. Short description

The Healthy Start Scheme provides free vitamins for Healthy Start Recipients. Pregnant women and new mothers can receive free vitamins containing vitamins C, D and Folic acid. Children from birth up to 4 years can receive free vitamins containing vitamins A, C and D. The Department of Health is going to market for the Re-Procurement of the Healthy Start Vitamin Product Manufacture women's vitamins.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 3 900 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Secretary of State for Health is obliged to make available free vitamins to eligible recipients. This obligation is discharged by the Department of Health (DH) via the Healthy Start Scheme. Recipients are eligible pregnant women and new mothers who receive vitamins containing vitamins C, D and folic acid. DH (via NHS Business Services Authority) sells the vitamins to local authorities and NHS providers in England who then distribute the vitamins to recipients. DH is also procuring this requirement on behalf of NHS Northern Ireland, [and] NHS Scotland [and NHS Wales]. It is possible but it is not guaranteed or represented that DH or NHS Business Services Authority may elect to sell vitamins to non-public sector bodies during the term of the framework agreements.

DH wishes to procure a suitable provider to manufacture the women's vitamins.

DH has allowed for full product testing of the manufactured Products by the supplier in the first year of the Framework Period, during which time no orders for vitamins may be placed by a contracting authority.

There will be no separate costs to deliver full Product testing and implementation activities during the first year of the Framework Period. Costs for this activity should be included in the overall pricing for the Product.

The Authority reserves the right to terminate the framework agreement prior to the operational start date if the awarded supplier fails to meet the testing requirements in the first year of the Framework Period.

The form of agreement is a framework agreement. Orders may last beyond the term of each framework agreement. The Authority does not guarantee, warrant or represent that any Orders will be issued pursuant to the framework agreement.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

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

Duration in months: 60

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure Accelerated procedure Justification:

This is a re-tender for the Healthy Start Vitamins — Women's vitamins. The Authority undertook a comprehensive procurement exercise that followed recommended best practice throughout. Due to a failed procurement process, the Authority has provided contingency arrangements but these will only cover the Authority sufficiently if we can issue the re-tender by using the accelerated procedure, if the Authority observes the full 30 day time limit this gap in coverage will pose a risk to the Authority and to the programme nationally.

The Authority has followed the principles of fair and open competition, and firmly believes that it has undertaken all the necessary activity to ensure the market has the opportunity to respond to our requirements.

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 a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

It is necessary for this framework agreement to have 5-year terms because the successful supplier will be required to make an upfront initial investment for the purpose of being able to participate in fulfilling orders. Each 5-year term will comprise 1 year for testing and implementation during which no call off contracts are permitted, followed by a 4-year operative period.

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: 06/10/2017 Local time: 11:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 06/10/2017 Local time: 11:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3. Additional information

Participation Instructions:

This procurement exercise will be completed via the DH eTendering portal (BMS) and candidates wishing to be considered for this (or any other) DH contract must submit their response via BMS. The BMS reference number for this exercise is 60479.

Suppliers should visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/procurement> to register and download instructions on how to respond.

If you require assistance, please contact the Supplier Helpdesk on 0113 254 5777 orsupplier.helpdesk@dh.gsi.gov.uk This helpdesk is available 10:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays.

Transparency:

Potential Bidders should note that, in accordance with the Government's policies on transparency, the Authority intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT), and any Contract awarded, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the Authority. Further information on transparency can be found at the following pages:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/guidance-transparency>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-requirements-for-publishing-on-contracts-finder>

General:

The Authority 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.

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 framework contract made in England according to English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The High Court

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: The High Court

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice
20/09/2017