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Director General (Contracts)
Department of Contracts
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Reasoned Objection Letter – CT2199/2016 - Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Qty 27 ITU Beds and Qty 27 Low Air Loss Mattresses and Accessories

Further to the Recommendation for Award published on the 20th of June 2017, we would like to place an objection since the recommended bid does not fulfil several aspects of the technical requirements and specifications listed in tender CT2199/2016.

Attached you may find BOV cheque # 000052 accordingly.

Below you may refer to several points upon which the recommended bidder fails to meet the tender specifications:

Beds

- *The patient section (bed frame) is to be capable of being raised through a distance ranging between 340mm (or lower) and 700mm (or higher). This adjustable height is to be controlled by means of the electronic controls referred to above.*
 - o The beds offered are not fulfilling the requirements as they travel from 410mm (not 340mm).

Clinical Foam Mattress

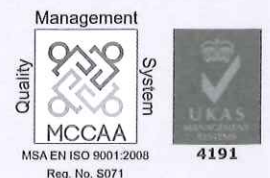
- *The mattress shall be a Pressure Reducing Type and is to have an “H” shaped interior core and is to be designed in a way to allow air circulation within the system. The thickness of the mattress should range between 150 to 180mm. The surface of the mattress is to be soft and smooth in order to reduce tissue damage from friction and shear force and shall allow the three-positional arrangement to be implemented without any stress being placed on the motors. The mattress is to be an orthopaedic type, having pressure relieving facilities, water proof, fire resistant and easy-to-clean. The mattress is to be delivered finished with cover and all the afore conditions also hold for this cover. The cover is to be stretchable, vapour permeable and water impermeable. It should also be removable and washable. This mattress is to be divided into three or four sections and have the possibility of a 4 way turn.*

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- The mattresses being recommended are not within the 150 – 180mm range requested.
- The recommended mattress does not have the possibility of a 4 way turn.

Air Mattress

- *The mattress should be able to allow for cell deflation around the heel area. Three of these mattresses are required to have at least 18 cells that can be deflated individually to allow for offloading of bony prominences and pressure injuries as well as prone positioning.*
 - The recommended air mattress does not have 18 cells that can be deflated individually.
 - It also does not allow for prone positioning.
- *The thickness of the mattress, when fully inflated shall be 200mm±20mm in thickness.*
 - The recommended mattress does not meet this range
- *The unit shall also incorporate a CPR – lever in order to deflate mattress within a few seconds (typically not more than 15 seconds).*
 - The recommended mattress does not have a CPR-lever as requested
 - The actual deflation time is outside of the 15 second range requested (30s)
- *The pressure relief index of the mattress shall be included in the literature provided.*
 - It is unclear if the bidder submitted any PRI's.
- *The presence of a biofilter in the mattress to provide clean air is important. In addition, the power cable shall be provided in a protective cover in order to ensure carer safety.*
 - The recommended mattress does not come with an internal biofilter as requested.

In view of this, we are requesting that the award is revoked and the tender awarded to us.

Regards,



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