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Planning

NICE Guidance Production Digitalisation Project

National Institute For Health And Care Excellence

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Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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

NICE Guidance Production Digitalisation Project

Reference number

NGPDP24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) seeks to commission external solutions and services to support the creation and maintenance of its flagship health and social care guidance products from financial year 24/25 for a period of five years in the first instance. More information on NICE's programmes can be found at <http://www.nice.org.uk>. These services and solutions support NICE's five-year strategy through the delivery of useful and usable guideline recommendations for health and social care professionals.

The supplied services and solutions will span the entire workflow: the prioritisation of relevant healthcare topics for guidance production, the gathering and management of evidence, the creation and maintenance of healthcare guidance on the NICE website, and the dissemination and publication of NICE guidance to end-users and third parties.

Some of the benefits expected from an end-to-end solution are as follows:

- Digitisation/digitalisation of end-to-end data flows
- Simplification and automation of workflow processes
- Measurable, standardised and interoperable information for distribution to end-users and integration into third-party systems such as Electronic Patient Records platforms and decision support tools (see figure 1)

- Fidelity of information so it is current and quantifiable
- Improved discoverability through a more granular presentation of the content, which will improve adoption and take-up of guidance

In terms of NICE these would be some of the expected benefits for the organisation:

- an audit trail of decisions made throughout the workflow process including the ability to assign unique identifiers to recommendations
- enhanced product capabilities enabling NICE to disseminate targeted knowledge products to individual audiences through the reuse of content components
- automation to support labour-intensive processes, for example for the surveillance of evidence, the creation of guidelines, and managing mainly unstructured and semi-structured data using various external and internal datapoints

It is expected that vendors will adhere to interoperability standards such as CDS Hooks and FHIR and prevalent data and information standards.

NICE's guidance and advice can be used by the NHS, local authorities, employers, voluntary groups and anyone else involved in delivering care or promoting wellbeing. Documents describing the methods and processes employed by NICE in developing its guidance are available from NICE's website (www.nice.org.uk)

This link explains how NICE develops guidelines:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/our-programmes/nice-guidance/nice-guidelines/how-we-develop-nice-guidelines>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The supplier is asked to deliver solutions for the following key workflow processes and activities:

- evidence scanning and evaluation (surveillance) through plug-in of different data points, evidence synthesis and evidence summaries
- creation and management of content components assembled into knowledge products, appropriately tagged with metadata
- creation and maintenance of ontologies
- publication and dissemination of content and data products including digitised patient care pathways for clinical decision support.

We are happy for the above to be delivered by one or multiple solution vendors but must have one single supplier/solution integrator to take delivery lead.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 February 2024

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.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

23 March 2024

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Supplier information session

NICE will hold an information session for all interested suppliers virtually on Thursday 1 February 2024 at 9.30-10.30hrs GMT. And will arrange a set of 1:1 meetings for all those attending over the course of the 1st and 2nd of February, with the 5th of February as potential overspill for the 1:1 meetings. The aims of the information session are:

- To provide an introduction to the NICE Guidance Production Digitalisation Project and related activities.
- To provide potential suppliers with an overview of services to be commissioned, and tender timescale.
- To seek comments and feedback from potential suppliers about the services to be commissioned.

Suppliers should note that once the session is completed, NICE will release a request for information, estimated to be released later in Feb 2024 will then further refine the project and finalise the tender decision for NICE. Attendance at this Supplier information session or the 1:1 meetings are not mandatory to participate in the following tender process.

Interested organisations can register delegates for the information session withBarney.wilkinson@nice.org.uk by 1600hrs GMT on 30 January 2024.

The email subject line must read NGPDP Tender Supplier Information Session 1 Feb 2024, and the body text should show the

- delegate's name
- and full contact details including:
 - o the name of the company
 - o address
 - o direct telephone number
 - o email address.

- 1:1 sessions will last for 30 minutes and be allocated by NICE.

Following registration registered delegates will be a sent a briefing pack and the details required to attend the Supplier Information Session. If you have registered and have not received the pack by the end of 30 of Jan please recontact asap.

Late registrations will not be accepted. NICE will not be able to provide any expenses, subsistence or other costs for delegates attending the session. NICE reserves the right to further restrict the number of delegates if necessary.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NICE

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom