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Tender

External Quality Assurance (EQA) System for Radiologists

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0298e9

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Quality Assurance (EQA) System for Radiologists

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part the programme's quality assurance protocols, NHSE is looking to procure an External Quality Assurance system (EQA). Once developed, all radiologists who report on the TLHC programme will have to undertake an annual external quality assurance (EQA) test to read low dose CT scans. This will involve radiologists reviewing a set number of CT scans with the results used to benchmark reporting of radiologists with peers. This process will establish a feedback loop, to measure the ongoing quality of radiologists reporting practices. The objectives of having an EQA are to: • Ensure reporting of low dose CT scans is evaluated to flag outliers who have high rates of recalls and high rates of interval cancers being detected. • Ensure radiologists that are outliers receive training and ongoing support overseen by the Responsible Radiologist and Clinical Director of Programme.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79315000 - Social research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This will be an Open OJEU tender opportunity.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

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

Start date

1 June 2021

End date

31 May 2023

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

If you are interested in this opportunity please email england.tlhc@nhs.net we will be able to share a market engagement document with you from 11th March and we intend to hold a market engagement event on 18th March.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

17 March 2021

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Targeted Lung Health Checks (TLHC) programme is a ground-breaking flagship programme of work in England contributing to the ambition of the NHS Long Term Plan to improve early diagnosis and survival for those diagnosed with cancer. The TLHC programme targets those most at risk of lung cancer. People aged over 55 years old but less than 75 years old that have ever smoked are invited to a free lung check. Those assessed at high risk of lung cancer are offered a low dose CT scan. As part of the programme's quality assurance protocols, NHSE is looking to procure an External Quality Assurance system (EQA). Once developed, all radiologists who report on the TLHC programme will have to undertake an

annual external quality assurance (EQA) test to read low dose CT scans. This will involve radiologists reviewing a set number of CT scans with the results used to benchmark reporting of radiologists with peers. This process will establish a feedback loop, to measure the ongoing quality of radiologists reporting practices. The objectives of having an EQA are to:

- Ensure reporting of low dose CT scans is evaluated to flag outliers who have high rates of recalls and high rates of interval cancers being detected.
- Ensure radiologists that are outliers receive training and ongoing support overseen by the Responsible Radiologist and Clinical Director of Programme.

The EQA does not yet exist and the national team is looking to procure a supplier to a) build the platform and b) oversee the process going forward. If you are interested in this opportunity please email england.tlhc@nhs.net we will be able to share a market engagement document with you from 11th March and we intend to hold a market engagement event on 18th March.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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