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Tender

Functional Skills Initial Assessment, Diagnostic Assessments and Exams

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043b4a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

1st Floor, Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

Contact

Commercial Team

Email

england.workforcecommercialteam@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Functional Skills Initial Assessment, Diagnostic Assessments and Exams

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHSE currently funds access for health and social care employers to Initial Assessment and Diagnostic Assessment for Functional Skills.

This has been vital in unlocking talent pipelines, supporting progression, widening access and routes into apprenticeships.

The Long Term Workforce Plan clearly articulates the need to widen entry points and grow apprenticeships. In order to achieve this NHS staff require access to high quality functional skills assessment and learning.

There are two elements to this and we therefore are reprocurring the following:

Lot 1 - Functional Skills Initial Assessment and Diagnostic Assessment - Clear and reliable Initial Assessment and Diagnostic Assessment for Maths / English (Functional Skills, from Entry Level 1 to Level 2 and GCSE) indicating for each individual tested, their functioning level and clearly identifying the topic areas of strength and weakness within Maths and English. This Diagnostic assessment result which will signpost learners to an Individual Learning Plan which is technically able to speak to internal resources and external courses and modules to teach people topics to improve their areas of weakness.

Lot 2 - Functional Skills Exams - 100% digitally secure functional skills' assessments for approx. 5000 learners over the course of the contract.

The maximum value of contract(s) awarded through this procurement activity is £240,000 exc. VAT.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £240,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The maximum financial envelope for this procurement exercise is £240,000 Exclusive of Vat and the contract period will be for 3 years.

- Lot 1 - £155,000 Ex Vat - Functional Skills Initial Assessment and Diagnostic Assessment
- Lot 2 - £85,000 Ex Vat - Functional Skills Exams and Remote invigilation

The deadline for completed ITT submissions will be 20th March 2024 at 12:00pm (midday).

Late submissions will not be accepted therefore, please submit in good time prior to the deadline date and time. All communications should be made via the messaging function on the e-Tendering portal during the tender exercise.

All clarification questions and submission bids must be received via this portal only and registration is free of charge.

<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?SearchType=Projects>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £240,000

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

Duration in months

36

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

20 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 March 2024

Local time

4:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The High Court

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

NHS England

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Leeds

LS2 7UE

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Internet address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>