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Tender

Provision of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Delivery Services

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

F24: Concession notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp/Home>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Applications or, where applicable, tenders must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp/Home>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

UK Healthcare Regulator

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Delivery Services

Reference number

REG-00000295

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80490000 - Operation of an educational centre

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (the "NMC") regulates nurses and midwives in the UK and nursing associates in England.

This tender is being advertised as a Restricted Procedure therefore please register your participation via our eSourcing portal (Section I.3)

The NMC is inviting tenders from organisations who wish to enter into a supplier Concession Contract for the provision of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Delivery Services for a minimum period of 3 years (3 + 1 + 1) with an option to extend by up to a further 24 months in 12-month increments. This is a Concession Contract Notice for the forthcoming concession contract for more than 1, but a maximum of 5 partners who will deliver the OSCE on behalf of the NMC.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80561000 - Health training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) plans to run a procurement process during 2021 to identify and appoint a number of partners who will work with us to provide the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) part of our Test of Competence. The appointed service provider(s) will deliver the OSCE examination on behalf of the NMC and be responsible for delivering their services with the targets as described within the NMC's relevant statement of requirements and supporting documentation. The existing Test of Competence

comprises two parts, the Computer Based Test (CBT) consisting of a number of multiple choice questions and a practical objective structured clinical examination (OSCE). Together, these components seek to provide a holistic assessment of a candidate's ability to practise safely and effectively in the UK. Please find the link to our website which provides more information about the OSCE

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/registration/joining-the-register/register-nurse-midwife/trained-outside-the-eueea/new-application/how-to-guide/about-the-osce/>

and

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/toc21>

As part of our remit to support both health and social care across the four countries (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), the NMC has committed to working closely with the NHS to ensure ongoing OSCE capacity to support their international nursing recruitment programme, aimed at expanding additional supply and supporting trusts to reduce their nursing vacancies. The government have committed to recruit 50,000 new

nurses to the register by 2024. A significant proportion of that number are expected to come from overseas. The new OSCE delivery contracts will continue to be concession contracts, similar in form to the existing contracts. The re-procurement exercise allows us

to build upon and improve the existing partnering model we have already established.

The maximum contract duration will be five years, comprising of an initial term with extension options.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria stated in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

60

II.2.14) Additional information

Please formally register to participate in this procurement exercise via the NMC eSourcing portal at: <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp>

Home and download the full suite of tender documents for completion.

The deadline for the SQ responses is: 17:00 on 19 April 2021.

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of applications or receipt of tenders

Date

19 April 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

In 2027.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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