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Tender

Agency Workers – Medical and Dental

Procurement and Logistics Service
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
Northern Health and Social Care Trust
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust
Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Western Health and Social Care Trust

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Procurement and Logistics Service
77 Boucher Crescent
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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

A Floor, Belfast City Hospital, Lisburn Road

Belfast

BT9 7AB

Email

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I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Bretten Hall, Bush Road

Antrim

BT41 2RL

Email

boucher.sourcing@hscni.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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I.1) Name and addresses

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Ulster Hospital, Upper Newtownards Rd

Belfast

BT16 1RH

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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I.1) Name and addresses

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Craigavon Area Hospital, 68 Lurgan Road

Portadown

BT63 5QQ

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Internet address(es)

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Buyer's address

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I.1) Name and addresses

Western Health and Social Care Trust

Altnagelvin Area Hospital, Glenshane Road

Londonderry

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United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Agency Workers – Medical and Dental

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Supply of Agency Workers - Medical and Dental (Medical Locums) to Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £345,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots
2

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot-1 - FY1, FY2, CT1, CT2, ST1, ST2, ST3, ST4, ST5, ST6, Specialty Doctor

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff
- 79625000 - Supply services of medical personnel

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Agency Workers - Medical and Dental (Medical Locums) to Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Award Criteria Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Award Criteria – Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Award Criteria – Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £155,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Period or periods together totaling up to 24 months from the expiry of the initial term as described in Clause 2.2 of the SS71 Framework Agreement.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The value provided in II.2.6 is the upper limit in the range between 135 000 000 GBP to 155 000 000 GBP and accounts for the potential spend on Lot 1 over the initial 2-year period. This value is provided for information purposes only and is not deemed to be a condition of contract or a guarantee of demand.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot-2 - Consultant, Specialist, Associate Specialist

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff
- 79625000 - Supply services of medical personnel

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of Agency Workers - Medical and Dental (Medical Locums) to Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Award Criteria - Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Award Criteria - Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Award Criteria - Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £190,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Period or periods together totaling up to 24 months from the expiry of the initial term as described in Clause 2.2 of the SS71 Framework Agreement.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The value provided in II.2.6 is the upper limit in the range between 165 000 000 GBP to 190 000 000 GBP and accounts for the potential spend on Lot 2 over the initial 2-year period. This value is provided for information purposes only and is not deemed to be a condition of contract or a guarantee of demand.

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.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 200

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-025183](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

25 March 2025

Local time

3:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 21 September 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 March 2025

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.3) Additional information

This procurement exercise is being conducted within the context of the Health Minister's statement from October 2022, link: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/doh-131022-wms.pdf>. In section 1.2, it is stated that this procurement is a joint procedure and contract award is by a Central Purchasing Body. This contract is not a joint contract, it is a Central Purchasing Body Contract operated by BSO PaLS on behalf of the participants listed in section 1.1.. The value in II.1.5 is the upper limit in the range £300,000,000 - £345,000,000 and accounts for the potential spend across both Lots over the initial 2-year period to the Framework. Should the option for an additional 24 months extension be used, as per clause 2.2 in the SS71 Framework Agreement, the range will be a potential spend of £600,000,000 - £690,000,000. None of the figures above represent a guarantee of uptake or minimum demand.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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