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Tender

## **Framework Agreement for the provision of Legal Services**

HealthTrust Europe LLP (HTE) acting on behalf of Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust ("MSE")

F02: Contract notice

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**12 April 2023, 4:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

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Main address

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

**I.2) Information about 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://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Framework Agreement for the provision of Legal Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This procurement exercise is to establish the Legal Services 2023 Framework Agreement. It will be awarded for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend for 1 period of 12 months at HealthTrust Europe's discretion.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Please provide a detailed description of the notice you are adding:

Establishment of Legal Services 2023 Framework Agreement. Requires all awarded suppliers to be able to cover all mandatory specialisms of law as outlined below to the required standard:

- Corporate
- Healthcare including Mental Health Law
- Commercial
- Employment
- Real Estate and Property Law
- Cyber, Data Protection and Information Law
- Finance
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

There are, in addition, a number of specialist areas of law which are deemed optional, please see below:

- Procurement
- Intellectual Property, IT, Telecoms, Media and eCommerce Law
- International Law
- Tax
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Litigation, Dispute Resolution, Arbitration and Investigations
- Education
- Public Sector Law

- Private Finance Initiatives (PFI) and Public Private Partnerships (PPP)
- Immigration
- Social Care
- Child law
- Charities Law

Which suppliers will be able to provide under the Framework Agreement providing they meet the minimum capability score.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS/ACTIVITY BASED INCOME (ABI)** The terms and conditions of this framework agreement and any resulting call-off contract is appended to the ITT. These terms include provisions requiring the payment by the supplier of an ABI management charge in consideration of the award of this framework agreement, The management and administration by HTE of the overall contract structure and associated documentation, as well as the requirement to submit regular management information to HTE.

**SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND PROCUREMENT INFORMATION** This exercise will be conducted on the HTE Bravo portal. Candidates wishing to be considered must register expressions of interest as follows: Register on the HTE portal at <https://healthtrusteurope.bravosolution.co.uk>. Log into the portal with username/password. Click the SQs/ITTs Open to All Suppliers link. These are the SQs/ITTs open to any registered supplier. Click on the relevant SQ/ITT to access the content. Click the Express Interest button at the top of the page. This will move the SQ/ITT into your My SQs/My ITTs page. You can access any attachments by clicking Buyer Attachments in the SQ/ITT Details box. Follow the on screen instructions to complete the SQ/ITT. Submit your reply using the Submit Response button at the top of the page. If you require any further advice, contact the Bravo e-Tendering Help Desk at [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk). Sid4Gov HTE utilises the sid4gov supplier information database. Candidates should register on sid4gov at <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register> and submit their sid4gov company profile for publication on the database. Candidates already registered on sid4gov must ensure information is up to date. Where access to sid4gov is unavailable, please contact the sid4gov helpdesk at [sid4gov@gps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sid4gov@gps.gsi.gov.uk). Please note that sid4gov does not prepopulate any fields of the SQ on HTE's Bravo portal. Candidates must complete the Qualification & Technical Envelopes of the SQ in Bravo in full.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract shall be for the period of 3 years with the option to renew for one period of 12 months at the discretion of HealthTrust Europe

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract shall be for the period of 3 years with the option to renew for one period of 12 months at the discretion of HealthTrust Europe

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

HTE may request such information as may be requested pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts Regulations. Details are provided in the Eligibility Envelope.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

HTE may request such information as may be requested pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts Regulations. Details are provided in the Eligibility Envelope.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

HTE may request such information as may be requested pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts Regulations. Details are provided in the Eligibility Envelope.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

HTE may request such information as may be requested pursuant to Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts Regulations. Details are provided in the Eligibility Envelope.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

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## **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

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

HealthTrust Europe want to work with suppliers who have a focus on working with us from the outset of Participating Authority engagements with a clear focus on continuous improvement. We have a large focus on growing long-term relationships that are sustainable, innovative and create joint value, for HealthTrust Europe, our awarded suppliers and our customers.

#### **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**

Originally published as:

Date

11 April 2023

Local time

4:00pm

Changed to:

Date



12 April 2023

Local time

4:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 April 2023

Local time

4:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

HTE is acting on behalf of MSE, a central purchasing body. Notwithstanding HTE's relationship with MSE, it is HTE who is conducting this tender exercise and MSE will execute the resultant framework agreement with successful bidders. The bodies to whom the use of this framework agreement will be open include all contracting authorities in the UK as defined in Regulation 2 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as may be updated from time to time. In particular, the entities in the UK (particularly those of a health and/or social care nature) listed in the downloadable spreadsheet of the following weblink are envisaged as framework agreement users: Public sector classification guide and forward work plan - Office for National Statistics ([ons.gov.uk](https://ons.gov.uk)). This list includes each organisation's successors and assigns, any equivalent organisations and associated organisations created due to any organisational changes. This framework agreement will be open to any bodies or organisations operating in the UK of a health, and/or social care nature or which have a similar procurement need, and/or any UK based central government authority listed at Annex I of Directive 2014/24/EU, in respect of any goods or services to any of the above listed organisations.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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