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Planning

## **NICE Framework for Healthcare Knowledge Resources**

National Institute For Health And Care Excellence

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

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**Region code**

UKD - North West (England)

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/ProSpend\\_\\_eSourcing\\_Community\\_Registration?locale=uk](https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/ProSpend__eSourcing_Community_Registration?locale=uk)

**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

NICE Framework for Healthcare Knowledge Resources

Reference number

NICEFHKR2025

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92511000 - Library services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this procurement is to put in place a Framework Agreement to support the purchase of healthcare related print and electronic knowledge resources by NHS, health and social care organisations in the UK. Clinicians and staff within these organisations need these knowledge resources to support their practice, research and education. Such knowledge resources will include (but may not be limited to) print and electronic journals and books, databases of bibliographic and full text published content and clinical decision support resources.

This procurement will replace the current NICE Electronic and Print Content Framework Agreement when it expires on 31 May 2025. More details about the current Framework specification and agreement can be found at: <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/library-and-knowledge-services-staff/buy-books-journals-and-databases>

Suppliers of healthcare related knowledge resources, including publishers, subscription agents, aggregators and booksellers, are encouraged to attend a Supplier Event 19th June 2024, 10:30am - 1pm in London. Feedback on the current Framework specification and purchasing processes will be discussed with potential Bidders at this session in order to inform the procurement, alongside details of the procurement process for this tender.

If you would like to attend this session please register your interest with [irene.walker@nice.org.uk](mailto:irene.walker@nice.org.uk) by 10:00 (UK) 17.05.2024.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
5

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 5

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 1 Sole Supplier

Lot No

1

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

This Lot will be used to purchase Knowledge Resources that can only be provided by one (i.e. a "sole") Provider; purchasing from this Lot will be by direct award only; any Knowledge Resource from the categories set out in the procurement documents may be supplied in Lot 1 provided that the Bidder is the sole supplier of the title(s). However, only journal and eBook collections and not individual titles may be supplied under Lot 1.

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

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

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 2 Print Books

Lot No

2

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

- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

Medical and healthcare related print books

Note these are for pre-printed and published books

This is not for a printing service.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 3 eBooks

Lot No

3

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

- 92510000 - Library and archive services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

Medical and healthcare related eBooks

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 4 Print and eJournals

Lot No

4

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

- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines
- 92510000 - Library and archive services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

Medical and Healthcare related Print and eJournals

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

LOT 5 Databases and Clinical Decision Support Resources

Lot No

5

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

- 92510000 - Library and archive services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

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

Databases: searchable online collections of structured information to support healthcare practice, learning, teaching and research to include: abstracting & indexing/bibliographic databases; full-text databases; reference works; anatomy resources.

Clinical Decision Support resources: referential or visual evidence and knowledge summaries designed to provide health professionals with comprehensive evidence and "actionable knowledge" to: support decision-making at the point of care e.g. at the bedside, in the ward, in the clinic, and in community settings, including the patient's or carer's home; and to support education and learning before, during and after the patient consultation.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 August 2024



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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### 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

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom