

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/007552-2024>

Tender

NHSE839 General Dental Access & Urgent Dental Care - North East and North Cumbria

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-007552

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0446ee

Published 8 March 2024, 2:52pm

The closing date and time has been changed to:

10 April 2024, 12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board Pemberton House Colima Avenue

Sunderland

SR5 3XB

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

NHS Organisation Data Service

00P

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

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 another address:

NECS

John Snow House Durham University Science Park,

Durham

DH1 3YG

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

NHSE839 General Dental Access & Urgent Dental Care - North East and North Cumbria

Reference number

NHSE839

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services across the North East and North Cumbria.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Durham Central North

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Durham Central North

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access

service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £499,960

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health->

family.force.com/s/Welcome. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Durham Central South

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Durham Central South

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South

- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £499,600

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Sunderland North

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Sunderland North

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington

- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £647,500

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Sunderland South

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Sunderland South

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington

- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £647,500

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 - Darlington

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham

Main site or place of performance

Darlington

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £518,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Berwick Town North

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024

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: £499,500

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues

are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 7 - Berwick Town South

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

Main site or place of performance

Berwick Town South

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant

Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £499,500

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health->

family.force.com/s/Welcome. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 8 - Carlisle

Lot No

8

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Carlisle

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South

- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025 with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £1,332,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 9 - Workington

Lot No

9

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Workington

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington

- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £740,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 10 - Copeland

Lot No

10

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Copeland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington

- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £1,184,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 11 - Cockermouth

Lot No

11

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85130000 - Dental practice and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cockermouth

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is a commissioning support service working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Relevant Authority), who are undertaking a competition to commission General Dental Access service and Urgent Dental Care services. These will be broken down into the following lots

- Lot 1 - Durham Central North
- Lot 2 - Durham Central South
- Lot 3 - Sunderland North (no urgent care)
- Lot 4 - Sunderland South (no urgent care)
- Lot 5 - Darlington
- Lot 6 - Berwick Town North
- Lot 7 - Berwick Town South
- Lot 8 - Carlisle
- Lot 9 - Workington
- Lot 10 - Copeland
- Lot 11 - Cockermouth

The contract term is for an initial period of 7 years commencing on 01 January 2025, with an option to extend for a further 3 years at the discretion of the Relevant Authority and subject to satisfactory contractual and financial performance.

The closing date for submission of competition response is by 12:00 noon 08 April 2024.

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: £934,900

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is for 7 years, with effect from 01 January 2025, with the option to extend for a further 3 years, subject to satisfactory financial and contractual performance and at the discretion of the Relevant Authority.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.14) Additional information

This is a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Contract Notice. The awarding of this contract is subject to the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 do not apply to this award.

All bids will be fully evaluated against a quality and cost criteria, the highest scoring bidder will be have a further due diligence

evaluation undertaken of the self certification statements.

The "Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006" as amended by the "Collective Redundancies and Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Regulation 2014" (TUPE) does not apply to this contract. However, Providers are advised to obtain their own legal advice and carry out due diligence including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this competition and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including response submissions, will be conducted via the Atamis portal at: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. Should providers have any queries, or are having problems registering on the portal; they should contact the Atamis helpdesk via:

Support-health@Atamis.co.uk or phone number 0800 9956035

The helpdesk is open Monday - Friday between 08.00 am - 06.00 pm

Competition documentation will be available on the e-tendering site from 08 March 2024.

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

Originally published as:

Date

8 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

10 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

8 April 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

Independent patient choice and procurement panel

London

Country

United Kingdom