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Tender

Provision of Community Pharmacy RSV and Pertussis Vaccination Enhanced Service

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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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>

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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

Provision of Community Pharmacy RSV and Pertussis Vaccination Enhanced Service

Reference number

AG24034

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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- an adult programme (predominately to be commissioned through general practice); and
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The value of the service provision resulting from this Procurement Process will be an Item of Service (IoS) fee of £9.58 for the administration of each RSV and pertussis vaccine to each eligible patient.

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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: NHS Black Country ICB

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Start date

1 May 2025

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2: NHS Leicester, Leicestershire, & Rutland ICB

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

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II.2.1) Title

Lot 3: NHS Birmingham and Solihull ICB

Lot No

3

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- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

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- UKG3 - West Midlands

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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.1.8) 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

Date

14 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 March 2025

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) 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.

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system for this procurement exercise.

Further information and the ITT documentation can be found via the 'Live Opportunities' list on the e-tendering system at the following link:

<https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?searchtype=Projects>

You can also register your interest via this page. You can search for the opportunity by entering the following contract reference: C342898 - COMP: Community Pharmacy RSV and Pertussis Vaccination Enhanced Service

Neither the publication of this notice nor the employment of any particular terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Contracting Authority intends to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations.

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Please see published procurement documentation for further details. All relevant information on the stages of evaluation are stated within the ITT documentation suite.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHS Arden and GEM CSU

St John's House, East Street

Leicester

LE1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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