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Tender

Post Qualifying Framework for Social Workers in Wales – Commissioning Programmes Development and Delivery

Social Care Wales

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

13 May 2022, 11:00am

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Social Care Wales

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.socialcare.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0289

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

www.sell2wales.gov.wales

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.sell2wales.gov.wales

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

www.sell2wales.gov.wales

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Welsh Government Sponsored Body

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Social Care Regulation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Post Qualifying Framework for Social Workers in Wales – Commissioning Programmes Development and Delivery

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80300000 - Higher education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Social Care Wales are seeking to appoint a supplier to deliver a new post-qualifying framework to provide a coherent continued professional development pathway for social workers. It was designed to replace the three defunct CPEL modules – consultant social worker, experienced practitioner and senior practitioner.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For the purposes of this commission, The purpose of this new post-qualifying framework is to provide a coherent continued professional development pathway for social workers. It was designed to replace the three defunct CPEL modules – consultant social worker, experienced practitioner and senior practitioner. If all components are completed it is equivalent to a Masters level.

Social Care Wales requires a Higher Education Institution (HEI), or group of HEIs working together, to use the agreed model for the delivery of the new Post Qualifying Framework (The Framework) and the agreed learning outcomes for these programmes to:

- develop the curriculum and assessment methodology for the new Framework
- produce learning and programme materials
- validate the programmes
- submit the programmes for Social Care Wales approval in accordance with The Approval and Inspection of Post Qualifying Courses for Social Workers (Wales) Rules 2018
- undertake active promotion of the programmes to employers across the social care sector
- deliver the approved programmes for relevant social workers across Wales in line with the regulatory requirements of Social Care Wales; and
- have the ability to deliver the approved programmes through the medium of Welsh and English.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality criterion / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

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 will run initially for three years, with the potential of a renewal period for an additional seven years (with break clauses inserted allowing Social Care Wales to terminate the agreement at its absolute discretion should there be a requirement to do so).

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

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

No element of the service should be chargeable and must be in line with the HMRC's exemption for welfare counselling <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/employment-income-manual/eim21845> and must also take account of HMRC's rules in relation to 3rd party gifts <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/employment-income-manual/eim21715>

Any provision should be delivered in line with the financial and legal elements of a core Assistance Programme with further guidance available at <https://www.eapa.org.uk/eap-resources/>

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

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

English, Welsh

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 April 2022

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12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=119944.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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