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Planning

NHS Volunteer Responders Programme Market Engagement Event

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England & NHS Improvement (NHSEI) aims to commission a national service management and assurance provider for the NHS Volunteer Responders service to provide the scheme management including the recruitment, retention, training and management of NHS Volunteer Responders nationally, supporting referrers and their clients through a suite of existing and evolving roles and tasks, and providing safeguarding and assurance for all parties.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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NHSEI has worked to date with a national provider in response to the Covid pandemic emergency to support the rapid development and provision of the service. As we move beyond the emergency response, we are seeking to put in place a provider to support the longer-term service provision and development of this service as it evolves into a post-Covid, business as usual model.

This is an exciting opportunity to support an innovative service that enabled micro-volunteering to flourish on a national scale during the pandemic and that will leave a legacy by providing ongoing micro-volunteering opportunities as an additional volunteer

deployment option for local services. This offer provides a robustly commissioned service which will provide security to both NHS Volunteer Responders and those requiring the support from the service. The longer-term contract will allow time for further development and improvement of services to ensure better alignment to NHS priorities.

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to advise prospective providers of the Commissioner's intention. It is our intention to hold a market engagement event at 11am on the 28th April 2022 to discuss our intended service delivery model and consult with some providers interested in potentially bidding for this tender in a short 1:1 session on the 29th April 2022.

The event will take the form of an online presentation and individual discussions organised through MS Teams. It will outline our current thinking, the anticipated procurement process, general discussion, and requests for information. NHSEI will use the opportunity to gather intelligence from providers who may influence and inform the development of the final tender. Please complete the brief online questionnaire by Tuesday 26th April 12 noon. Invites will be sent to provided emails that afternoon.

The commissioner reserves the right not to proceed with the Procurement, or any part thereof, or change the requirements as necessary at any time. It is the intention of the Authority that the procurement will be conducted as an Open Procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The ITT is expected to be published in May 2022. A separate advert will be released advising of this.

II.2.14) Additional information

To get access to this event and the associated questionnaire, please register or login into our e-procurement system, Atamis via the following link:

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

The reference for the project is C75060.

Expected publication of the Contract Notice for the procurement will be during May 2022, and date provided is only indicative

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 May 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

