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Planning

External Assessment Centres

National Institute For Health And Care Excellence

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

External Assessment Centres

Reference number

EAC 2021

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) seeks to commission external assessment group (EAG) services to support a variety of technology evaluation programmes from 01/04/2022 for a period of three years in the first instance. More information on NICE's programmes can be found at: <http://www.nice.org.uk/>. More information on the NICE strategy can be found here. NICE's technology evaluation programmes require a range of high-quality Health Technology Assessment (HTA) services from organisations with knowledge of novel technologies, the life sciences industry and HTA methods development. NICE uses its technology programmes to develop guidance on the value of new and novel medicines, devices, diagnostic and digital (including those with Artificial Intelligence) technologies that have the potential to offer substantial benefit to patients and/or the NHS, and on the safety and efficacy of interventional procedures. NICE also facilitates specialist clinical data collection and analysis services (and increasingly does this in close collaboration with manufacturers, NHS England and NHS Improvement and national registries) to support guidance producing programmes.

NICE provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care. NICE does this by:

- Producing evidence-based guidance and advice for health, public health and social care practitioners.
- Developing quality standards and performance metrics for those providing and

commissioning health, public health and social care services.

- Providing a range of information services for commissioners, practitioners and managers across the spectrum of health and social care.

NICE's guidance and advice can be used by the NHS, local authorities, employers, voluntary groups and anyone else involved in delivering care or promoting wellbeing. Documents describing the methods and processes employed by NICE in developing its guidance are available from NICE's website (www.nice.org.uk).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Clinical and economic evidence assessment

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Including: critical appraisal of company submissions; evidence synthesis; economic modelling; support for guidance review processes; preparation of evidence summaries; support for guidance on the full range of diagnostic technologies and pathways, confirmation of regulatory status, preparation of manuscripts for publication in peer reviewed journals.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that the Lot names and details of scope are subject to change pending further development of the contract. Full and final details of the Lots and description of scope will be confirmed in the contract notice when released.

Please refer to Section VI for details of the Supplier information day

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Primary data collection, analysis and oversight

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Including: pragmatic facilitation of collaborative research; real-world evidence collection activities including data collection feasibility assessments, establishing patient registries, analysing observational/registry data and similar schemes, oversight of data collections, and preparation of manuscripts for publication in peer reviewed journals, research and ethics advice service (may include a range of services from applying for regulatory approval to conduct research re. ethics, HRA and R&D processes or just advice on the regulatory requirements of proposed data collection).

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that the Lot names and details of scope are subject to change pending further development of the contract. Full and final details of the Lots and description of scope will be confirmed in the contract notice when released.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Decision and methodological support services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Including: providing decision support to individual topics; advanced methodological development for all NICE health technology programmes, providing technical resource support to guidance topics, providing educational training and support to NICE staff and committees, preparation of manuscripts for publication in peer reviewed journals.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that the Lot names and details of scope are subject to change pending further development of the contract. Full and final details of the Lots and description of scope will be confirmed in the contract notice when released.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 August 2021

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Supplier information session

NICE will hold an information session for interested suppliers virtually by Zoom on Wednesday 26 May 2021 at 1300hrs GMT. The aims of the information session are:

- ? To provide an introduction to the NICE evaluation programmes and related activities.
- ? To provide potential suppliers with an overview of services to be commissioned, contract requirements and tender timescale.
- ? To seek comments and feedback from potential suppliers about the services to be commissioned.

Suppliers should note that once the session is completed, NICE will finalise the tender documentation and release a contract notice, estimated to be released in August 2021.

Interested organisations can register delegates for the information session with irene.walker@nice.org.uk by 1600hrs GMT on 18 May 2021.

The email subject line must read EAC Tender Supplier Information Session 26 May 2021, and the body text should show the

- delegate's name
- full contact details including:
 - o the name of the company
 - o address
 - o direct telephone number

o email address.

Following the closure of registration registered delegates will be a sent a draft copy of the Requirements Specification and the details required to attend the Supplier Information Session by Zoom.

Late registrations will not be accepted. NICE will not be able to provide any expenses, subsistence or other costs for delegates attending the session. NICE reserves the right to further restrict the number of delegates if necessary.