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Tender

Adult Social Care Workforce – Recruitment and Retention

Department of Health and Social Care

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Adult Social Care Workforce – Recruitment and Retention

Reference number

C260570

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75120000 - Administrative services of agencies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority (Department of Health and Social Care) is publishing this Invitation to tender for the procurement of Adult Social Care Workforce – Recruitment and Retention. In April 2023, the government published 'Next steps to put People at the Heart of Care', outlining a clear plan on how to achieve this. In 2024 the government announced the latest tranche of workforce reforms including the launch of the first ever national career structure for the care workforce, alongside a new nationally accredited social care qualification, and social work and social care nursing apprenticeships. In the immediate term, to support the delivery of these reforms. The Authority wishes to commission a core workforce support and improvement offer to compliment this ambition and these policies.

The contract start date is anticipated to be 1st August 2024 and up to March 2025, with an option to extend once for a further twelve months, at Authority sole discretion subjected to approval and funds.

The suppliers can register their interest via Atamis portal with reference C260570. This procurement follows the Open procedure route with Light touch regime (LTR) under The Public Contract Regulation 2015 - regulation 74 to 77.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,105,547.20

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI3 - Inner London – West

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this procurement is to commission a supplier to provide support for providers and local authorities/regions on ASC recruitment and retention practises, through means of sharing best practice including developing and promoting support material. A specific focus of the first year (to March 2025) would be developing a support package for international recruitment practices for providers and local authorities/regions and delivering guidance and promotional activity with the aim of boosting domestic recruitment into ASC. The focus of boosting domestic recruitment in year one will be on supporting the recruitment of under-represented demographics – particularly men and young people – into care roles.

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: £1,105,547.20

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

Duration in months

8

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 months, subjected to business approval and funds availability.

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.1.2) 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

26 April 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

8 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

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