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## **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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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **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

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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

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## **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

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## **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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