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Tender

The Provision of Quality Assurance Testing - Functional and Non Functional

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

10 South Colonnade

London

E14 4PU

Email

procurement.operations@dhsc.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

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

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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

The Provision of Quality Assurance Testing - Functional and Non Functional

Reference number

D&T11122

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The DevOps Quality Assurance and Testing (QAT) function play a pivotal role in ensuring the successful and high-quality delivery of software within UKHSA. Collaborating closely with programmes at every phase, the QAT team is dedicated to ensuring the delivery of top-tier products and services through testing and test assurance services. A key responsibility of the QAT team involves aiding programmes in formulating robust Testing Statements of Work (SOWs) by identifying crucial testing requirements during the project's early stages. The areas covered by QAT encompass various domains, including:

- Testing Consulting Services
- Test Assurance
- Functional Testing
- Non-functional Testing
- Functional Test Automation
- Integrating Testing in CI/CD Pipeline

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,859,922.12

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72254100 - Systems testing services
- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This function holds critical significance within Technology, and any lapses in the provision of these services could expose UKHSA to potential service disruptions, strained partner relationships, serious reputational damage, and significant legal risk exposure.

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: £9,000,000

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

Start date

25 March 2024

End date

24 April 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 62

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

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

Tender must be valid until: 1 April 2024

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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