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Tender

Specialised Critical Care Ambulance Transport Services for the East Midlands and West Midlands Regions

NHS England and NHS Improvement

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Prior information notice with call for competition

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

2 July 2021, 12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/supplier/publictenders?B=AGCSU>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/supplier/publictenders?B=AGCSU>

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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

Specialised Critical Care Ambulance Transport Services for the East Midlands and West Midlands Regions

Reference number

AG20057

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85143000 - Ambulance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement - Specialised Commissioning Team (referred to as the

Commissioner) is inviting suitably qualified and experienced providers to deliver the Specialised Critical Care Ambulance Transport Services for the East Midlands region and the West Midlands regional Adult Critical Care Transfer service.

NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands CSU (AGCSU) is acting as an agent for and on behalf of the Commissioner and is supporting the procurement process. NHS England and NHS Improvement - Specialised Commissioning Team are the

contracting and commissioning authority for the contract resultant from this

procurement and the contract will be held between them and the successful bidder.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £19,250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The key objective of this procurement is to select a provider for delivering the specialised critical care ambulance transport services, to support:

- Neonatal critical care (NCC);
- Paediatric critical care (PCC); and
- Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) services for paediatric and adult service users.

In addition, by commissioning a combined Critical Care Ambulance Transport for NCC, PCC and ECMO pathways the Commissioner(s) would like to attain the following:

- Improve clinical care and safety for patients,
- Improve patient experience,
- Improve performance against KPIs included within the service specification,
- Improve activation times as a result of dedicated ambulance resources,
- Enhance mainstream 999 ambulance service performance by commissioning a dedicated service, thus reducing the demand upon emergency resources being utilised for retrieval activity,
- Increase retrieval service resilience for the NCC, PCC and ECMO pathways in the East Midlands and West Midlands regions,

- Increase Emergency Preparedness Resilience Response (EPRR) regional and national response capacity for Major Incidents and system capacity issues,
- Connect the transfer teams to clinical hubs via secure vehicle video and telemedicine link and provide them a consultant level remote decision support.

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

84

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) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

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28 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

2 July 2021

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contracting Authority will be using an eTendering system in this procurement exercise. The services described within this notice relate to the Light Touch Regime in the Public Procurement Regulations 2015. Neither the publication of this notice nor the employment of any particular terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the Contracting Authority intends to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations. Please see published documentation for further details.

If you wish to express an interest and view ITT documents please register on the EU Supply website <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK> .

The project reference is Quote/tender 44448 - AG20057 - Specialised Critical Care Ambulance Transport Services for the East Midlands and West Midlands Regions. Please note the deadline for ITT submissions is 12:00pm on Monday 28th June 2021.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit

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