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Tender

24-T05 - Framework Agreement for Lot 1 - Supply of external tutor(s) for Driver Training Courses and Lot 2 - Outsourced Driver Training Courses (Including the Tutor(s), Vehicles and Venues)

East of England Ambulance Service
South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
North East Ambulance Services NHS Foundation Trust
Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust
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West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Trust
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
London Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust
Scottish Ambulance Service NHS Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://eoecph.bravosolution.co.uk/eastamb/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

24-T05 - Framework Agreement for Lot 1 - Supply of external tutor(s) for Driver Training Courses and Lot 2 - Outsourced Driver Training Courses (Including the Tutor(s), Vehicles and Venues)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority has a specialist Driver Training Unit that provides ambulance driver training to primarily new starters and graduate paramedics requiring emergency blue light driver training and also non-emergency driver training to Patient Transport Services (PTS) staff.

Driver Training includes the use of ambulances, patient transport vehicles and rapid response vehicles. Students needs depend on whether the students are, Emergency Care Assistants (ECA), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) or Paramedics operating on

A&E response vehicles or patient transport services or other clinical groups.

This is a procurement to establish a Framework Agreement of multiple suppliers who can support the Authority when workloads fluctuate, and our own in-house Driver Training Unit does not have capacity to undertake all course requirements. Volumes of personnel requiring driver training fluctuate with changes to workforce requirements and additional newly recruited employees.

The Framework Agreement is split into two (2) Lots:

Lot 1 – Supply of External Tutors

Lot 2 – Outsourced Driver Training Courses (including the supply of external tutor(s), vehicles and venues)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Supply of External tutor(s) for Driver Training Courses

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority employs a specialist Driver Training Unit that is looking to supplement it with additional qualified trainers to operate from centres throughout the Authority's region (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk). Volumes of personnel requiring training fluctuate with changes to workforce requirements and additional directly employed trainers are being recruited, but the outsourced supplementary trainers could account for approximately 25% of the total team.

Driver Training includes the use of ambulances, patient transport vehicles and rapid response vehicles. Students needs depend on whether the students are Ambulance Care Assistants (ACA), Emergency Care Assistants (ECA), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) or Paramedics operating on A&E response vehicles or Patient Transport Services or other clinical groups.

The Authority delivers a range of both Emergency and Non-Emergency driving courses.

The Emergency Response Ambulance Driving Course duration is currently 20 days and Non-Emergency Services Driving Course is currently 5 days. The course duration may be subject to change during the life of this Framework.

In addition to requiring an approved tutor for the duration of a course, there may be occasions when tutors are required for shorter periods of time e.g. possibly for one week only.

The courses are accredited by FutureQual. The awarding body may be subject to change during the life of this Framework.

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: £600,000

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

Duration in months

48

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Outsourced Driver Training Courses (including the supply of external tutor(s), vehicles and venues)

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Volumes of personnel requiring training will fluctuate with changes to workforce requirements.

Driver Training includes the use of ambulances, patient transport vehicles and rapid response vehicles. Students needs depend on whether the students are, Emergency Care Assistants (ECA), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) or Paramedics operating on A&E response vehicles or other clinical groups.

The Supplier will be required to deliver both Emergency and Non-Emergency Driving Courses.

The Supplier must be an accredited company and hold the recognised qualification to deliver the FutureQual courses.

The Supplier will be required to deliver the following courses: including but not limited to:

FutureQual Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (L3CERAD)

FutureQual Level 3 Award in Patient Care Services: Ambulance Driving

The FutureQual Level 3 Certificate in Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (L3CERAD) course duration is currently twenty (20) days and conducted over four (4) weeks. The FutureQual Level 3 Award in Patient Care Services: Ambulance Driving is course duration is currently five (5) days and conducted over one (1) week. Course duration may be subject to change during the life of this contract. Suppliers must follow the Futurequals accredited course learning.

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: £3,300,000

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 several operators

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 expressions of interest

Date

26 April 2024

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Bidders must note that this is a Light Touch Regime Procurement undertaken in accordance with Regulations 74-76 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, and is not a Regulation 28 Restricted Procedure Procurement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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