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## **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  
North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
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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**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

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## **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)**

- 800000000 - 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

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## **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

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## **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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