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Tender

Provision of External Audit Services

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

UK Healthcare Regulator

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of External Audit Services

Reference number

FIN-00000313

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Following the PIN published on FTS on 19 April 2021, publication reference: 2021/S 000-008192, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) is undertaking a competitive tender process under the Open Procedure, in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations").

Our core regulatory and charitable activities are setting standards of conduct and practice, approving education courses under which nurses, midwives and nursing associates qualify to practise in the UK, maintaining the register of professionals eligible to practise, and investigating concerns over professionals' fitness to practise. Our fitness to practise activities represent around half of our total direct resources expended.

We are inviting Registered Auditors to bid for the external audit of our financial statements for a term of up to 10 years, starting with the year ending 31 March 2022.

NMC requires a high quality external audit delivered in an efficient manner by an auditor with high integrity and reputation. The external auditor should use specialists and industry experts to ensure they clearly understand our organisation and are able to provide a value-added service.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The aim of this procurement process is to invite bids for the provision of External Audit of the NMC's financial statements, for the year ending 31 March 2022 onwards. As a summary, this includes:

The NAO place reliance on the work of Council-appointed auditors, so it is essential that our auditors work effectively with the NAO, and the NAO are confident in their work. You will be required to provide an opinion for the NAO and share any of your working papers with the NAO on request.

Our overarching objective is the protection of the public, and we are a registered charity, but our finances are much simpler and more secure than many charities: we have no voluntary income, or charity shops, or branches or subsidiaries. So we have less need for charity expertise from our auditors than other charities might, but charity expertise is still relevant and desirable.

Our key operations include the maintenance of our register and our fitness to practise process, and our income is almost entirely made up of our registration fees. Experience of working with other regulatory or membership organisations and understanding of those business processes is desirable.

In practise we prepare our annual report and accounts broadly in accordance with the HM Treasury Financial Reporting Manual (FReM), which impacts significantly on the content of the annual report, and to a limited extent on the disclosures in the notes to the accounts. Understanding of the requirements of the FReM is, therefore, desirable.

The external auditor is required to meet all relevant standards defined by law and by all

appropriate regulators. The external auditor will need to demonstrate that these standards have been met.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

There is an option to extend the contract for up to five further years after the initial five year term.

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

25 June 2021

Local time

2:00pm

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

25 June 2021

Local time

2:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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