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Tender

NHS England Increasing Capacity Framework Agreement - Refresh

NHS England (NHS Commissioning Board)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.ardengemcsu.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/68205>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com>

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>

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

NHS England Increasing Capacity Framework Agreement - Refresh

Reference number

NHSE ICF (Refresh)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England intends to invite additional providers to join the ICF.

NHS England Increasing Capacity Framework Agreement. The National Health Service Commissioning Board (which uses the operational name 'NHS England') has established a framework for clinical services titled Increasing Capacity Framework (ICF) under the light touch regime, and has entered into a framework agreement with each provider appointed to the ICF.

The services in scope are:

- 1) NHS inpatient and outpatient (including full supporting pathology and imaging) services and urgent elective care and cancer treatment to service users in line with nationally set criteria;
- 2) NHS inpatient non-elective care (either direct admission or transfer from an NHS organisation). The ICF may be accessed by NHS England and all CCGs, and NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts across England and their successor bodies.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England Increasing Capacity Framework Agreement -

The intention is that a Framework Agreement will be entered into by NHS England on behalf of all Contracting Authorities with each provider assessed as capable through this procurement process (a “Provider”). Once the Framework Agreement has been set up, contracts based upon the NHS Standard Contract or Sub-Contract may be placed by a Contracting Authority with any Provider holding a Framework Agreement covering the relevant Services required by that Contracting Authority. It is the intention that in accordance with the Framework Agreement, each Contracting Authority, may enter into a separate NHS Standard Contract or Sub-Contract with any Provider, for the Services.

The procurement is expected to be awarded 30th June 2022 to enable Framework Agreements to be signed by successful bidders in advance of the fixed start date of 1st August 2022.

The Framework Agreements will have a fixed term ending on 20th November 2024 with no option to extend.

The estimated value is based on a potential upper value over the duration of the ICF and actual value will depend on actual demand.

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: £10,000,000,000

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

Start date

1 August 2022

End date

20 November 2024

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: 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

II.2.14) Additional information

All existing Providers on the ICF that have already entered into a Framework Agreement had been sent a notice of extension on or around the date this ITT was published. All existing Providers' Framework Agreements will therefore expire on the same date as a framework agreement that is awarded pursuant to this ICF refresh procurement process.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

All professional and/or trade registrations is specified within the tender documentation.

Please refer to procurement documentation.

If a provider is awarded a Framework Agreement, there is no guarantee that it will be awarded any contracts for services. Contracting Authorities may award contracts to providers on the basis of the call off process set out in the Framework Agreement.

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

6 June 2022

Local time

2:30pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 June 2022

Local time

2:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This Procurement is on behalf of the National Health Service, namely NHS England, all Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS Trusts, NHS Foundation Trusts and each of their successor bodies. A list of organisations can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx>

<https://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

<https://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AreaTeamListing.aspx>

<https://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

(Referred to from IV.1.11) - The services in scope of this procurement process are healthcare services which fall under “social and other specific services” in Section 7 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (“PCR”). In accordance with Regulation 76 PCR, the process is to set up a closely mirror a framework agreement and the procurement of it will follow a procedure like the open procedure. However, NHS England and the Contracting Authorities using the framework are only bound by the parts of the PCR that specifically apply to social and other specific services. For the avoidance of doubt, the rules that apply to the open procedure under Regulation 27 and framework agreements under Regulation 33 do not apply to this procurement. All providers that meet the minimum requirements set out under the procurement process (which will include both traditional selection and evaluation criteria on a pass/fail basis) will be appointed to the framework agreement. There will be no maximum number of providers appointed.

To access the ITT, please go to the following link <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UK> and then "Quote/tender 47058 - NHSE ICF (Refresh) - NHS England Increasing Capacity Framework (Refresh)". NHS England reserves the right to conduct any number of framework refreshes throughout the term of the Framework Agreement. A refresh will allow verification of existing providers' continuing ability to meet requirements and will also allow new entrants to be appointed to the ICF.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The High Court

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

The High Court

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom