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## **DHSC Nursing and Nursing Associates Engagement**

Department of Health and Social Care

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

DHSC Nursing and Nursing Associates Engagement

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75121000 - Administrative educational services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Authority (Department of Health and Social Care) is publishing this Invitation to tender for the procurement of Nursing and Nursing Associate Engagement.

In December 2021, the government published 'People at the Heart of Care: Adult Social Care Reform White Paper' which outlined a 10-year vision including reforms for how we will transform support and care in England, and work "to build a workforce of the right size with the right skills to meet the growing need for care and support". In April 2023, the government published 'Next steps to put People at the Heart of Care', outlining a clear plan on how to achieve this. In 2024 the government announced the latest tranche of workforce reforms including the launch of the first ever national career structure for the care workforce, alongside a new nationally accredited social care qualification, and social work and social care nursing apprenticeships.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) are seeking to secure a supplier to deliver support to aid the recruitment and retention of nurses and nursing associates in the Adult Social Care (ASC) workforce that will form an integral part of the new core adult social care workforce support and improvement offer and will compliment the nursing apprenticeship fund.

The contract start date is anticipated to be 1st August 2024 and up to March 2026, with an option to extend once for a further twelve months, at Authority sole discretion subjected to approval and funds.

The suppliers can register their interest via Atamis portal with reference C266289.

This procurement follows the Open procedure route with Light touch regime (LTR) under The Public Contract Regulation 2015 - regulation 74 to 77.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £520,788

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI3 - Inner London – West

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Department is seeking a supplier to utilise close sector links to champion and raise awareness of the role of social care nurses and nursing associates within the sector to help encourage more people into the role.

The contract start date will be 1st August 2024 and will have a duration of 20 months (up to March 2026), with an option to extend once for a further 12 months. We require the successful bidder to deliver a programme of engagement activity to help drive the recruitment and retention of both nurses and nursing associates within adult social care. As the People at the Heart of Care white paper noted, the ASC workforce suffers from very high levels of staff turnover – with the turnover and vacancy rates of nurses a particular concern. We need a partner to engage with the sector and share best practice to help employers understand how they recruit additional nurses and retain them in social care.

### **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: £520,788

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

Start date

1 August 2024

End date

31 March 2026

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

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### **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

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## **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

14 May 2024

Local time

3:00pm

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

22 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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