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Planning

DHSC:NIHR Support Services: Public Partnerships and Maximising Research Impact

Department of Health and Social Care

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DHSC:NIHR Support Services: Public Partnerships and Maximising Research Impact

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79990000 - Miscellaneous business-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The mission of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research. We do this by:

- Funding high quality, timely research that benefits the NHS, public health and social care;
- Investing in world-class expertise, facilities and a skilled delivery workforce to translate discoveries into improved treatments and services;
- Partnering with patients, service users, carers and communities, improving the relevance, quality and impact of our research;
- Attracting, training and supporting the best researchers to tackle complex health and social care challenges;
- Collaborating with other public funders, charities and industry to help shape a cohesive and globally competitive research system;
- Funding applied global health research and training to meet the needs of the poorest people in low and middle income countries.

NIHR is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care. Its work in low and middle income countries is principally funded through UK Aid from the UK government.

This opportunity is for re-procurement of NIHR support services to:

- Improve the way partnerships with people and communities in health and care research work (“public partnerships”),
- Improve how NIHR research is disseminated, and knowledge is mobilised to facilitate uptake and adoption of insights from research (“maximising impact”), and
- Act with other NIHR coordinating centres as an integral part of ‘One NIHR’; a co-ordinated, joined-up organisation.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £19,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) supports Ministers in leading the nation's health and social care to enable everyone to live more independent, healthier lives, for longer. DHSC invests significantly in research and development to support the delivery of its objectives primarily through the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

The day-to-day operations of the NIHR are carried out by six coordinating centres, one of which supplies services for public partnerships and maximising the impact of research.

The procurement seeks to award a contract to a single supplier through a Competitive Procedure with Negotiation to ensure continuation and growth of services described below when the current contract comes to an end (31 March 2025) for a period of seven years.

The successful supplier would be expected to perform support services to:

- Improve the way partnerships with people and communities in health and care research work ("public partnerships"),
- Improve how NIHR research is disseminated, and knowledge is mobilised to facilitate uptake and adoption of insights from research ("maximising impact"), and
- Act with other NIHR coordinating centres as an integral part of 'One NIHR'; a co-ordinated, joined-up organisation.

Priority projects: the Authority may require the Supplier to deliver under this contract

specific projects or additional services for which the need is unpredictable at the start of the contract. Any additional priority projects will need to be agreed with the supplier and subject to approval (including assessment of affordability and value for money) by DHSC.

The maximum expected contract value available is £19m. The total value is inclusive of any transitional phase required, the specified services, and priority projects. Up to 10% (£1.9m) of the total expected contract value is identified for priority projects. Tenders do not need to set out proposals for priority projects as these will be unanticipated additions that will arise over the lifetime of the award.

Please be advised that TUPE may apply to this Contract.

The Supplier Engagement Event will be hosted online on 1st August 2023 from 11:00-12:00. GMT.

Registration of interest to attend will close at 12:00 on 31st July 2023.

Those Suppliers who have registered an interest to attend will be sent invitation details after the deadline to register an interest to participate.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

29 June 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes