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Planning

Delivery Partner for the Overseas Registrants Exam - Part 1 - Computer Based Exam

General Dental Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Health Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery Partner for the Overseas Registrants Exam - Part 1 - Computer Based Exam

Reference number

GDC-2023-024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80500000 - Training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to give advance notice that the General Dental Council (GDC) intends to undertake a tendering exercise for the provision of an Overseas Registration Exam Part 1 contract. The GDC is the UK-wide statutory regulator of around 115,000 members of the dental team. The primary objective of the GDC is to protect the public. The work of the GDC is governed by the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended), which establishes our duty to maintain a register of dental professionals and establishes the criteria and routes to registration. The Act requires holders of recognised overseas diplomas to demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge and skill to be registered by the GDC. All holders of a diploma in dentistry from outside the UK, EEA or Switzerland, must first pass the ORE's before being eligible for registration with the GDC. The ORE is a safety-related test of competence that provides assurance to the GDC that an individual is trained, skilled and competent. Following successful completion of the ORE (parts 1 and 2), registration with the GDC allows dentists to practise dentistry in the UK. The GDC is looking for a supplier or group of suppliers that can provide an effective approach to the administration and delivery of the OREP1 that will provide additional flexibility in capacity to meet peaks and troughs in the demand. For further details on the scope of services required, please see section II.2) below and the Requirement briefing paper, which is available for download from the Delta e-Sourcing portal see section VI.3) Additional Information below for link. If you are interested (or potentially interested) in providing the delivery and administration of the ORE P1, please let us know by completing the expression of interest form available for download via the Delta eSourcing Portal and return it to us by midnight on 15 September 2023, via the Delta e-Sourcing message facility. At this stage, we are interested in understanding more about the potential size of the market that would be interested in delivering the services. The GDC reserves the right to undertake further pre-procurement activities such as early market engagement, which may include engaging with suppliers on a one to one or group bases, in writing or face to face (via MS Teams). Please Note: This PIN relates to the delivery of the Overseas Registration Exam Part 1 -Computer Based Exam (OREP1) only. Delivery of the Overseas Registration Exam Part 2 -Clinical Practical Exam (OREP2) will be subject to a separate PIN/Procurement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of services required may include but is not limited to: Delivery of the OREP2 exam for between 400 – 1200 sittings per year. For more information please visit: ORE Part 1 (gdc-uk.org). - Provision of services, material, equipment, and personnel - Management (project management) and administration of the OREP2 sittings and suitable venues to hold exams within the UK, where required. - Suitably qualified and experienced examiners - Candidate management and relationship management. - Working with the GDC to ensure the OREP1 is delivered effectively and in accordance with Preparing for Practice (learning outcomes for dentists) and the ORE Advisory Group to ensure the relevant standard is maintained and the continuous improvement of the OREP1. At this time, we are looking to use the pre-procurement activity to inform our thinking about the design, delivery, capability for the exam. We will also consider the optimal contract length and overall contract value. The information provided at II.2.7) Duration of the contract and II.1.5) Estimated total value are subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 January 2024

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of the GDC's intention to undertake a procurement exercise. The PIN is not a formal request for expressions of interest in tendering for the opportunity. We are interested in hearing from interested parties who are interested in providing the of delivery, and administration of the OREP1 for the GDC. It should be noted that any information provided on the GDC's current thinking within the pre-procurement stage should be considered indicative in nature and no overall decision on the future solution, technical elements, commercial approach etc has yet been agreed.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Training-services./WA68KFNWAD>

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