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Tender

Provision of Retirement Consultancy Services

National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

National Employment Savings Trust (NEST)

10 South Colonnade 1st floor

London

E14 4PU

Email

procurement@nestcorporation.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nestpensions.org.uk

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://nesttenders.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://nesttenders.bravosolution.co.uk/>

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

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Retirement Consultancy Services

Reference number

TEN-2324-016

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 66523000 - Pension fund consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This tender is to establish a Framework Agreement for consultancy services to support Nest to enhance its retirement offering.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Since 2015, one of the principal challenges for the pensions industry in the UK has been to develop retirement income products which provide members with a life-long, sustainable income, whilst retaining the benefits of flexibility introduced by the pension freedoms.

In 2015 Nest set out a blueprint for a retirement income strategy which would fulfil these objectives following the introduction of the pension freedoms.

Over the next few years, nest will be working to evolve its retirement offering and will need specialist ad-hoc support. This tender is to establish a preferred supplier pool (in the form of a Framework Agreement) for consultancy services to help support Nest throughout this programme of work.

Please note, the estimated value is the upper limit of Nest's anticipated range of spend that spend over the duration of the framework, which is £500,000 - 800,000. This is a framework

agreement and therefore no minimum spend is guaranteed.

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: £800,000

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

Duration in months

48

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

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 2

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

25 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

25 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Nest does not bind itself to accept any tender and is not liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest or tendering for this opportunity.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The contracting authority will operate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers to provide time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

Unsuccessful tenderers shall be notified by the contracting authority as soon as possible after the decision is made as to the reasons why they were unsuccessful.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide that aggrieved parties who have been harmed, or are at risk of harm, by breach of the rules are to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)