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Planning

HGMD License Renewal

The NHS Commissioning Board (operating under the name of NHS England)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

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

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85100000 - Health services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The requirement is for a comprehensive and searchable manually curated literature-based database of germline human genomic variants and their relationship with human disease, with links to associated peer reviewed scientific literature references and variant classification. The successful provider will demonstrate class leading and significant experience in the area, peer reviewed publications illustrating utility in the diagnostic setting and that their database is up to date and covers the breadth of the peer-reviewed scientific literature.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48218000 - License management software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.14) Additional information

1. Suppliers are asked to describe, in detail, how their database meets EACH of the requirements numbered above. Each requirement is essential, and must be met in full. Suppliers may also choose to evidence how your database exceeds any, or all, of the requirements set out above.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 December 2021

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

Interested suppliers should register on the NHS England & Improvement e-procurement system here: <https://health-family.force.com/login>. Once logged in click 'Find Opportunities' and search for 'HGMD License Renewal'. Click 'Register Interest'. Once you have registered your interest you will be able to view the Requirements and submit a response to the question within the portal (see Annex A for details). Any messages about the opportunity should be sent via the e-procurement system. You can do this by going to the home page and:

- o Click on 'My proposals & Quotes'
- o Click the relevant Project Title
- o Click 'Messages' & 'New Message'

The deadline for submitting Expressions of Interest is 12pm on 18/10/2021. Submission Requirements on the Portal: Once registered via the e-Portal Atamis you will be able to submit responses to the following question to demonstrate your experience and capability to deliver the programme. QUESTION: Suppliers are asked to describe, in detail, how their database meets EACH of the requirements numbered below. Each requirement is essential and must be met in full. Suppliers may also choose to evidence how your database exceeds any, or all, of the requirements set out above.

Requirements:- The database must enable users to:

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