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## **Independent Investigations**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0369a6

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

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

NHS England

Quarry House, Quarry Hill

Leeds

LS2 7UE

#### **Contact**

Business Services

#### **Email**

[business.services@eoecph.nhs.uk](mailto:business.services@eoecph.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Independent Investigations

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

- 85100000 - Health services

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

Services

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

Independent Investigation Services Framework for the NHS with scope to cover various service types which have been divided into five lots - Individual Expert Investigations, Partnership Investigations, Local Care System Investigations, Health & Social Care & Partners Investigations and Systematic Independent Investigations. Contract award beneath the framework will be placed via Mini-Competition or Direct Award. The services being procured under the Framework are for Health services and are subject to the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) Chapter 3, Particular Regimes, Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services. Bidders will also have the opportunity to apply to join the Framework Agreement on an annual basis. Bidders who are already on the Framework Agreement have the opportunity to apply for further lots if they so wish on an annual basis. Bidders who are unsuccessful are not precluded from re-applying during subsequent rounds.

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

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

#### **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

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

Overview

Investigation likely to be within local system/ single service/limited stakeholders/Peer Review.

Additional support to health sector organisation / independent from system.

Description

Individual expert supporting a provider/service to undertake an in-house investigation.

Supporting

organisations/systems to undertake a specific investigation in response to an incident/developmental needs/independent chairing.

The NHS is creating a Framework for Independent Investigation Services that meets the technical and geographic requirements for the NHS. It is the NHS's intention to place a flexible and responsive framework to enable the NHS to comply with the NHS Patient Safety Incident Framework.

The framework Agreement is split into five lots:

Lot 1 - Individual Independent Investigations

Lot 2 - Partnership Investigations

Lot 3 - Local Care System Investigations

Lot 4 - Health & Social Care & Partners Investigations

Lot 5 - Systematic Independent Investigations

Bidders will also have the opportunity to apply to join the Framework Agreement on an annual basis.

The Services to which this Procurement relates fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts

Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations"). As such, the procurement of the Services is being run as a bespoke, Open Process Procedure, involving the completion of a Qualification Questionnaire to

qualify for acceptance onto the Framework Agreement. If the criteria for acceptance to the Framework

Contract is met or exceeded bidders may be asked to participate in Mini Competitions for

contracts

for lots in which they have been successful or may be subject to the direct award of a contract.

The Contracting Authorities do not intend to hold themselves bound by any of the Regulations, save those applicable to Schedule 3 Services. Further information on service scope, lot descriptions, activities and outcomes are contained within the procurement documentation. Please note that the deadline for QQ responses is 12:00 noon on 18/10/2022.

East of England Collaborative Procurement Hub (EoECPH) is conducting this procurement exercise as agent for and on behalf of the Contracting Authority (the NHS).

Under no circumstances should Bidders approach the NHS directly.

The Contracting Authorities and EoECPH are not and shall not be liable for any costs by those expressing an interest or concern for this contract opportunity. The Contracting Authority reserve the right at all times acting in their absolute discretion, not to award a contract, to make changes to the structure, format, procedures, CPV codes and timing of the procurement process and to cancel or vary the process in its entirety or any part of it. The most economically advantageous or any tender will not be automatically accepted.

#### **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: £15,000,000

#### **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

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **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

18 October 2022

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

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

Date

20 September 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Bidders have the opportunity to apply to join the Framework Agreement on an annual basis upon the annual anniversary of the Framework Agreement

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

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

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United Kingdom

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