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## **Delivery of AHP Workforce Reform Priorities 21/22 – Health & Care Professionals**

Health Education England

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-027962

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02f4a7

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

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

Health Education England

1st Floor, Blenheim House, Duncombe Street

Leeds

LS1 4PL

#### **Email**

[leila.hodson@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:leila.hodson@hee.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Delivery of AHP Workforce Reform Priorities 21/22 – Health & Care Professionals

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

Health Education England (HEE - the Commissioner) are putting out this notice as a PIN (Prior Information Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award. Please note the contracting authority intends to direct award the contract to the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). The case for direct award can be found on the tender portal.

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

Value excluding VAT: £897,077

#### **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**

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capable of providing the support required to meet the specific requirements of the HEE National AHP Workforce Reform programme about AHP workforce data and intelligence and international recruitment which relate to their statutory regulatory functions. The HCPC is the only possible supplier delivering these regulatory functions and with access to data and associated expertise to assist HEE in fulfilling Mandate deliverables and actions of UK government policy including the Long-Term Plan and People Plan.

**Deliverables** The specific deliverables of the award are summarised below. To increase capacity to provide regular reporting of workforce data to support AHP workforce reform programme deliverables. To support process development and increase capacity to accelerate the assessment and registration of international applicants to meet international recruitment targets.

**Rationale for selection of supplier** HEE believes that it is highly unlikely for any other supplier to be able to provide the expertise provided by the HCPC as a supplier for the following reasons: As the professional regulator for the AHP professions, the HCPC solely delivers the statutory functions of registering and regulating AHPs including assessing and registering internationally qualified AHPs. As the professional regulator for the AHP professions, the HCPC collects and stores data on the AHP workforce which is not collected and cannot be readily accessed by other suppliers. The HCPC has a track record of constructive engagement with HEE and service providers on workforce development activities. This includes previously supporting the DHSC and an Ambulance Service NHS Trust with an international recruitment exercise to tackle workforce challenges. The financial envelope for the contract is £897,077

For the Specification, Contract and the Case for Direct Award please access the portal at: <https://health-family-contract-search.secure.force.com/?SearchType=Projects> Please access the portal for all documents. All communications should be made via the messaging function on the Health Family eTendering portal. If any provider has concerns with the commissioning intentions outlined within the published documentation, please raise this via the eTendering Portal in the first instance within 30 days of the date of this Prior Information Notice. The closing date of this PIN is midday on Wednesday, 8th December 2021

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £897,077

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

Start date

4 January 2022

End date

30 June 2022

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend to 03/01/23 (this will not invoke additional cost will be for additional time only)

### **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 IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **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 expressions of interest**

Date

8 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

13 December 2021

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

[commercialteam@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:commercialteam@hee.nhs.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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