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Tender

Medical Assessments: Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme

NHS Business Services Authority

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e38f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

Commercial Services

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKC22 - Tyneside

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.nhsbsa.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

<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

Medical Assessments: Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme

Reference number

21_08_08 C51820

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority requires the provision of medical assessments in relation to the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (VDPS). Further information on the scheme can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/vaccine-damage-payment/eligibility> VDPS eases the present and future burdens of those suffering from vaccine damage and provides assistance to their families. The assessment determines the causation and disablement as a result of vaccinations against specified diseases as set out in the VDPS. Interested parties must register an interest and access the procurement documents via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (search opportunities using system reference C51820). Follow the instructions to register an interest and once registered, Suppliers will be able to view and access the full Tender documentation.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services
- 85120000 - Medical practice and related services
- 85100000 - Health services

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 66512200 - Health insurance services
- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The services required are for Medical Assessments of the evidence being presented by applicants making a claim under the VDPS. An 'Assessment' is the end-to-end process to assess causation and level of disablement against the medical evidence presented in relation to a Claimant's health condition and/or disability. The Supplier is required to undertake all appropriate action to complete the assessment. This may include gathering evidence from the most appropriate source/reference/expert/specialist to ensure a definitive view can be provided. Historically, the average number of annual assessments is c100 however volumes have increased following the addition of Covid and Adult Flu vaccinations to the VDPS. There is no minimum (or maximum) commitment to the number of assessments that will be required under the contract as the scheme is demand driven, however there are currently c500 cases (as at November 2021) that require assessment with this volume increasing per week by c20 cases. It is estimated that in year one of the contract there will be c1500-1800 claims that will require assessment within the first year of the contract. It is estimated that after year 1 of the contract the number of assessments will between 100-1000 assessments will be required per annum.

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: £6,000,000

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

Duration in months

84

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-023580](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

16 December 2021

Local time

11:59am

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

16 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Tenders will be opened using the Authority's e-tendering system.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 2025-2027 depending on whether options to extend are exercised.

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) Additional information

The value in section II.2.6 is an estimate of the value over the term of the Contract. There are a number of variables which could affect the value of the contract and the value could be more or less than the value stated in the 'II.2.6'. The estimated total value includes an estimate of the costs which will be driven by the number of applicants to VDPS and the resulting varying volume of assessments required by the supplier. Please note that all dates and figures in this notice are approximate and subject to change. Any resulting contract will be considered as a contract made in England according to English Law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts; The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs incurred by those expressing an interest in or tendering for this contract including but not limited to where the contract award procedure is cancelled or adjusted for any reason. No reimbursement of costs shall be available. Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in sterling and all payments made in relation to the procurement must be in sterling. The Contracting authority reserves the right to require deposits, guarantees, bonds, insurance cover and/or other forms of security as it deems appropriate. Grouping of bidders may be required to form a separate limited liability company or other legal form and/or one that takes full responsibility and/or liability and/or confirm that each takes joint and several liability. The Contracting Authority conducted pre-tender market engagement following the publication of a Prior Information Notice (PIN) 2021/S 000-023580 on 22nd September 2021. The report outlining the findings of this exercise can be found at

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e393ccb2-d040-41e3-8f86-2740074efe96>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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

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