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Tender

National Functional Skills Quality Framework in partnership with Health Education England

SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html

Buyer's address

https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html

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

National Functional Skills Quality Framework in partnership with Health Education England

Reference number

C1546.370

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Health and care employers across England are looking for high-quality functional skills provision to meet the needs of their workforce. HEE is working with Salisbury NHS FT to create a framework of funded provision that not only incorporates excellent teaching but also includes added value for learners and employers. Added value incorporates many different elements of holistic learner support - from additional needs support to on-site childcare. We hope that employers will use this framework to compliment other offers of functional skills support funded by HEE. This includes access to basic key skills builder (bksb) software and functional skills qualification (FSQ) exams through our awarding body partner Open Awards.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

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On behalf of employers and learners nationally, Health Education England are creating a Quality Framework for the provision of Functional Skills training.

Those who are successful at getting onto the framework will be included in / added to a digital platform (yet to be designed) that will be developed for use by Health and Social Care organisations, staff and prospective staff / learners to search for and find appropriate Functional Skills and Exam provision which is suitable to their needs. As a result, those on the Framework will be required to provide the following information and updates:

- Provide specific additional details of Functional Skills courses and Exam provision, provision of support to learners, accessibility, enrolment, any costs in addition to funded programmes / provision and contact details (list not exhaustive) to be hosted on a digital platform for learners and NHS / Social Care organisations to use to identify suitable provision
- Update us of changes to these details immediately (providers will be removed from the Framework immediately if changes are not communicated which results in the information on the digital platform being out of date)
- Timely response to requests for information and updates
- Respond to quality monitoring requirements / checks / updates in terms of their provision (to provide assurance that providers should remain on the Quality Framework)
- Communicate at earliest opportunity where learners are unable to access their provision so alternative provision can be sourced
- Monitoring and data provision of access from Health and Social care learners / referrals and updated statistics provided re: engagement, enrolment, exam attempts, completion /

success and attrition (among other data)

- No provider with a current achievement rate below 70% will be listed on the Framework. Evidence of achievement rates must be included as part of the provider's response.
- Providers must hold an ESFA adult education budget / functional skills contract / allocation and be able to deliver functional skills without cost to either the employer or learner

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

One 12 month renewal if utilised.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

- Providers must hold an ESFA adult education budget / functional skills contract / allocation and be able to deliver functional skills without cost to either the employer or learner

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

20 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

21 December 2021

Local time

9:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The following Contracting Authorities are entitled to place Orders:

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and all bodies listed below :

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Please note Central Government departments may be subject to Government Digital Service approval before using the Framework Agreement.

Local Authorities (England and Wales)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791684/List_of_councils_in_England_2019.pdf

National Parks Authorities

<https://www.nationalparks.uk/about-us>

Educational Establishments in England and Wales, maintained by the Department for Education including Schools, Universities and Colleges listed :

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=all-england&for=secondary>

Police Forces listed by the College of Policing, plus Police Scotland and Police Service of Northern Ireland

https://www.college.police.uk/About/Copyright_Licensing/Pages/Home-Office-police-forces.aspx

Police Forces and Special Police Forces in the United Kingdom, and/or Police and Crime Commissioners (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) and/or the Police Authorities (as defined in the Police Act 1964, Police Act 1996, Serious

Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006), and other relevant legislation for the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for their respective rights and interests

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

NHS Bodies England

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AreaTeamListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>

Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice?gclid=CPLU3cD7zdECFdaRGwodNeoDyw>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/>

<http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

<http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/>

Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and (i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement;

(ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement; or

(iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement

(iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the Framework Agreement if the Authority is satisfied that:

- such entity is calling-off goods and/or services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Agreement on their own account;
- all goods to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively to provide goods and/or services at sites occupied by such public sector body(ies); and
- it will pass the benefit of the call-off contract to such public sector body(ies) directly, in full and on a purely "pass-through" basis. Accordingly there must be no mark-up, management fee, service charge or any similar cost solely in relation to the supply of goods and/or services imposed on the relevant public sector body(ies), who must be able to benefit from the terms of the Framework Agreement in a like manner and to the same extent as if using the Framework Agreement on its/their own account.

Any 'bodies governed by public law' which under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 means bodies that have all of the following characteristics

(a) they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;

(b) they have legal personality; and

(c) they have any of the following characteristics:-

(i) they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

(ii) they are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or

(iii) they have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court, England & Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom