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Opportunity

## **Delivery of AHP Workforce Reform Priorities 21/22 - Dietetics**

Health Education England

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

Notice reference: 2021/S 000-028889

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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 - Dietetics

Reference number

C52831

#### **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 are putting out this notice as a PIN (Prior Information Notice) with a view to completing a Direct Award to the British Dietetic Association (BDA). The case for direct award can be found on the tender portal. Health Education England (HEE) considers that the BDA is the only organisation capable of providing the support required to meet the specific requirements of the HEE National AHP Workforce Reform programme related to dietetics. The BDA is the only supplier with the requisite expertise and experience to assist HEE in fulfilling Mandate deliverables and actions of UK government policy including the Long-Term Plan and People Plan.

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

Value excluding VAT: £272,800

#### **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

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- Work with the National AHP programme, HEE Education Funding Reform Programme, the profession and wider stakeholders to build the Uni and Multi professional AHP Narrative to illustrate the knowledge, skills, and attributes of the 21st Century professional.
- Undertake a wide-ranging consultation with members, non-members, and wider stakeholders as to the knowledge, skills, and attributes of the 21st century professional and seeing this embedded across all relevant agendas, including the pre-registration curricula, where this work has been undertaken already to support the prioritised implementation of this work.
- Undertake a range of professional body driven activities focused in the NHS and social care to optimise workforce supply and workforce retention

Rationale for selection of supplier

HEE considers that it is highly unlikely for any other supplier to be able to provide the expertise provided by BDA as a current supplier for the following reasons:

- As the only professional body for the dietetic profession, representing the majority of practising dietitians, the BDA is in a unique position to access necessary expertise, engage with stakeholders and deliver the required work in a way which will meet quality expectations and command the confidence of sector stakeholders.
- The BDA has a track record of constructive engagement with activities to develop the profession including any active role in developing dietetic education and engagement with public bodies including NHS England, Public Health England and HEE.
- As a professional body with a large membership, the BDA has access to the data, intelligence, contacts and networks essential to successfully delivering the required work which could not be readily accessed by other suppliers.

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>

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 Monday, 20th December 2021

## II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Value excluding VAT: £272,800

### **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 until 03/01/2023

### **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

20 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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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**

Health Education England

1st Floor, Blenheim House, Duncombe Street

Leeds

LS1 4PL

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Country

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

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

Health Education England

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