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Planning

Delivery of the Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) Part 2 (practical clinical skills)

General Dental Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Education-and-training-services./673YH5CU5K>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Health Regualtor

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Delivery of the Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) Part 2 (practical clinical skills)

Reference number

GDC-2023-001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to give advance notice that the General Dental Council (GDC) intends to undertake a tendering exercise for the provision of an Overseas Registration Exam Part 2 contract. The GDC is the UK-wide statutory regulator of around 115,000 members of the dental team. The primary objective of the GDC is to protect the public. The work of the GDC is governed by the Dentists Act 1984 (as amended), which establishes our duty to maintain a register of dental professionals and establishes the criteria and routes to registration. The Act requires holders of recognised overseas diplomas to demonstrate that they have the necessary knowledge and skill to be registered by the GDC. All holders of a diploma in dentistry from outside the UK, EEA or Switzerland, must first pass the ORE's before being eligible for registration with the GDC. The ORE is a safety-related test of competence that provides assurance to the GDC that an individual is trained, skilled and competent. Following successful completion of the ORE (parts 1 and 2), registration with the GDC allows dentists to practise dentistry in the UK. The GDC is looking for a supplier or group of suppliers that can provide an effective approach to the administration and delivery of the OREP2 that will provide additional flexibility in capacity to meet peaks and troughs in the demand. For further detail on the scope of services required, please see section II.2) below and the Requirement briefing paper, which is available for download from the Delta e-Sourcing portal see section VI.3) Additional Information below for link. If you would like to express an interest in tendering for this opportunity, please complete the expression of interest form which is downloadable from the Delta e-Sourcing portal for this opportunity. The GDC reserves the right to undertake further pre-procurement activities such as early market engagement, which may include engaging with suppliers on a one to one or group bases, in writing or

face to face (via MS Teams). Please Note: This PIN relates to the delivery of the Overseas Registration Exam Part 2 -Practical Clinical Skills (OREP2) only. A separate PIN has been published for the Delivery of the Overseas Registration Exam Part 1 -Computer Based Exam (OREP1).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

We are unable to make a decision on whether lots will be established for this requirement at this stage. The up-and-coming early market engagement (EME) will explore lotting and options for lots and inform our thinking on this matter. The decision on lotting will be communicated at the end of the EME activity or, at latest within the Contract Notice.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of the GDC's intention to undertake a

procurement exercise. The PIN is intended as an information-gathering exercise. We are inviting expressions of interest from suppliers or consortiums or group of suppliers who are interested in providing all or part of delivery, and administration of the OREP2 for the GDC. The delivery and administration of the OREP2 is expected to consist of the following: - Delivery of the OREP2 sittings consisting of four components. For more information please visit: <https://www.gdc-uk.org/registration/overseas-registration-exam/ore-part-2> . - Suitable venues to hold examinations within the UK, suitable to accommodate between 600 - 1500 candidates per year. - Provision of services, material, equipment, and personnel - Management (project management) and administration of the OREP2 sittings. - Suitably qualified and experienced examiners - Candidate management. - Working with the GDC to ensure the OREP2 is delivered effectively and in accordance with Preparing for Practice (learning outcomes for dentists) and the ORE Advisory Group to ensure the relevant standard is maintained and the continuous improvement of the OREP2.

II.2.14) Additional information

It should be noted that any information provided on the GDC's current thinking within the pre-procurement stage should be considered indicative in nature and no overall decision on the future solution, technical elements, commercial approach etc, has yet been agreed.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 March 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Participation or non-participation in any pre-procurement activity will not confer any advantage or disadvantage on any person in respect of any procurement activity. However, the results of any pre-procurement activity may be used to shape and refine the GDC's proposition before any formal competitive procurement process commences. The opportunity will be open to any organisations that are interested (or may be interested) in providing the service provision. This includes but is not limited to existing suppliers, new suppliers, and organisations that may be interested in participating collaboratively through membership of a joint venture or consortium. Interested parties should note that: any costs of participation in any pre procurement will be borne by the participant.

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