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Planning

UK Forum Discovery Project

NHS Blood and Transplant

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UK Forum Discovery Project

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHSBT are exploring the possibility of purchasing a content management system and engaging design and development services to implement and support multiple national/international website.

The purpose of this PIN is to maximize the opportunity for a successful procurement process and eventual acquisition, should the Authority choose to invite competitive tenders from the marketplace in the future.

The Authority hopes to gain an understanding of the indicative budgetary costs; the implementation and project timescales; obtain information for the procurement sourcing strategy and the business case; and finally, to inform the business decision relative to a future procurement process and the project direction.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72262000 - Software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Systematic Review Initiative (SRI), and Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) are organisations collectively funded by the UK Forum, a collaboration between the four UK Blood Services, and are based in NHSBT. SHOT has their own websites, while SRI operates a sub-site within the JPAC website.

The SRI website focuses on increasing the evidence base for transfusion medicine through systematic reviews and curates two evidence libraries. SHOT serves as the UK's independent inquiry into the serious hazards of transfusion, providing authoritative data and supporting policy development and guideline production.

Both websites suffer from outdated design and poor user and owner experiences. The SRI site is hosted by an external provider with limited functionality and management capabilities. The contract with the provider is set to expire in June 2024. SHOT's website is maintained by another provider but faces similar limitations. Separate user requirement specifications are required for each organisation. Given their similar positions and funding by the UK Forum, addressing the website limitations is crucial for SRI and SHOT to provide better user experiences, improve data dissemination, and optimise learning from hemovigilance.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 December 2023

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

We encourage suppliers to send their expression of interest by emailing jennifer.morgan@nhsbt.nhs.uk no later than the 21st October 2023. All suppliers who express their interest before the date will be send a request for information document and further details of the requirement.