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External Assessment Centres Framework

National Institute For Health And Care Excellence

F02: Contract notice

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30 December 2021, 5:00pm

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.nice.org.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the following address:

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Main address

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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

External Assessment Centres Framework

Reference number

NICEEACF22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NICE is seeking to commission external assessment centres (EACs) which will provide a range of health technology assessment (HTA) services to support its technology evaluation programmes and related activities (see above). Suppliers must be able to provide all services within Lots 1 and 2, for Lot 3, 3a or 3b to bid for that Lot. Suppliers need to be able to provide only the services within a work package to bid for any of the work packages within Lot 4.

Suppliers can bid for one or more Lots.

NICE will consider bids from multidisciplinary centres with knowledge and expertise in health technology assessment, enhanced for Lots 1 and 3 by a close association with frontline clinical services in areas related to medical technologies such as imaging or in vitro diagnostics.

Suppliers intending to provide services in Lot 2 will have significant expertise and experience of advanced HTA methods and be able to provide the service in relation to pharmaceuticals, medical, digital and diagnostic technologies.

NICE will consider proposals from consortia or networks of organisations meeting the selection criteria and encourages potential suppliers to explore collaborations that will result in the offer of a comprehensive range of services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,884,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Clinical and Economic Evidence Assessment

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Including: critical appraisal of submitted evidence to support the development of NICE outputs; evidence synthesis; de novo economic modelling and critiquing and revising existing models; updating information and evidence on technologies to support guidance review; preparation of evidence summaries on new and novel technologies; systematic review and meta-analysis; market intelligence analysis; supporting identification, topic selection and scoping of medtech products, confirmations of regulatory status for medtech products.

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

33

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: Yes

Description of options

Options to extend for 1 x 15 months period

II.2.14) Additional information

NICE has had numerous technical issues issuing the notice onto Find a Tender. The notice was published on Contracts Finder on the 15th November 2021.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Decision and methodological support services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Including: providing technical support to evaluation programmes; advanced

methodological development for all types of health technologies, including pharmaceuticals, medical and diagnostic technologies and related products; providing educational support; providing advanced methodological, analytical and other ad hoc support to NICE and its independent advisory bodies on the assessment of medicines and medical technologies; providing quality assurance of economic models and other Supplier outputs; providing training on HTA and related disciplines and developing online training resources on HTA for NICE staff and committee members; evidence searching; systematic review and meta-analysis; de-novo modelling.

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

33

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for 1 x 15 months periods

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Primary data generation and analysis and Real World Evidence Generation for Managed Access

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

3a - Primary data generation and analysis

Including: protocol development for promising technologies where the available evidence is insufficient to recommend routine adoption; pragmatic facilitation of collaborative research acting as the academic lead and research sponsor where needed, on clinical, laboratory, and methodological projects investigating the clinical utility of specific healthcare technologies; real-world evidence collection activities including establishing patient registries, analysing register data, and similar schemes; the specification, compilation, validation and analysis of datasets including linkage with other "real-life" data sources. This may include analysis of data protection/ information governance and preparation of paperwork as required. The Supplier may be required to manage a third party to undertake data collection and analysis, developing the contractual paperwork and holding the budget for the work as necessary.

Lot 3b - Real World Evidence Generation for Managed Access

Including: Managed Access evidence generation using existing registers or databases, feasibility studies, data protocol development, pilot studies; data collection and active surveillance; active data surveillance; grant applications; data linkage and complex modelling and/or analyses; register close down; journal publications

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

33

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No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

option to extend for 1 x 15months periods

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Multiple services

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 4a - Clinical and Economic Evidence Assessment - additional capacity

Including: critical appraisal of submitted evidence to support the development of NICE outputs; evidence synthesis; de novo economic modelling and critiquing and revising existing models; updating information and evidence on technologies to support guidance review; preparation of evidence summaries on new and novel technologies; systematic review and meta-analysis; market intelligence analysis; supporting identification, topic selection and scoping of medtech products, confirmations of regulatory status for medtech products.

Lot 4b - Decision and methodological support services - additional capacity

Including: providing technical support to evaluation programmes; advanced methodological development for all types of health technologies, including pharmaceuticals, medical and diagnostic technologies and related products; providing educational support; providing advanced methodological, analytical and other ad hoc support to NICE and its independent advisory bodies on the assessment of medicines and medical technologies; providing quality assurance of economic models and other Supplier outputs; providing training on HTA and related disciplines and developing online training resources on HTA for NICE staff and committee members; evidence searching; systematic review and meta-analysis; de-novo modelling.

Lot 4c - Supplementary services - Research & ethics

Including: advice on research governance and ethics support including access to a research ethics committee.

Lot 4d - Supplementary services - Technical assessment

Including: technical assessment to inform on effective use.

The following sections list the general approach NICE takes to the work carried out by the EACs, followed by details of work packages issued under each Lot and specific details of the modules of work generally included in standard work packages.

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

Duration in months

33

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for 1 x 15 months periods

II.2.14) Additional information

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-009332](#)

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

Originally published as:

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22 December 2021

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Date

30 December 2021

Local time

5:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 December 2021

Local time

11:00am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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