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Planning

Employment Advisors Service - North Tyneside

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB

North Tyneside Place Quadrant East, Cobalt Business Park, Silverlink North

North Shields

NE27 0BY

Contact

NECS

Email

necsu.neprocurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Employment Advisors Service - North Tyneside

Reference number

NECS505

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) is working for and on behalf of NHS North East and North Cumbria ICB (the Contracting Authority), who are conducting a Request for information (RFI) exercise in order to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market to deliver the following service:

Employment Advisors Service - North Tyneside.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)

Main site or place of performance

North Tyneside Place.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Employment Advisors (EA) Service, as part of NHS Talking Therapies, has been set up to increase the availability of employment support within NHS Talking Therapies providers. It also aims to ensure that with all NHS Talking Therapies providers there is sufficient employment support capacity to provide combined therapy and employment support for people who are employed, those off sick from work and those who are out of work.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published on Find and Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process. This PIN/RFI is intended as an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the RFI process nor does it infer any preferential or special status on those individuals and organisations who express an interest.

NECS is utilising an electronic tendering tool to manage this RFI exercise and communicate with potential providers. Accordingly, there will be no hard copy documents issued to potential providers and all communications with NECS, including Expression of Interest submissions, will be conducted via Atamis: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

If you have already registered on the system (e.g. to access contracts with another Health Family organisation) then there is no need to re-register.

If you have not already done so you should now register as a Supplier on the shared system.

You can register here: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

It is free to register on the portal and it can be accessed at any time of day providing you have a working internet connection. If you find that you need any advice or support in registering please contact the Atamis helpdesk using the following details:

Phone: 0800 9956035

E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

Opening times 8am - 6pm

An Atamis Supplier guide can be accessed by clicking on this link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce.com>

PLEASE NOTE: You may be asked if you wish to merge your account with an existing organisation. This is based on a number of criteria including the domain name of your email address, so please ensure that you do register with your official work email address.

Request for information will be available on the e-tendering site from Monday 16 October 2023.

Potential providers are to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (as amended) may apply to a future procurement including the New Fair Deal non-statutory policy setting out how pensions issues are to be dealt with when staff are compulsorily transferred from the public sector to independent providers delivering public services.

Completed RFI questionnaires must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday 30 October 2023.

Following review of returned RFI responses, should the commissioner wish to seek further clarification to any part of the responses, further market engagement may be carried out. Providers will be made aware of these arrangements via the Atamis system.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 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