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Tender

HEIW Provision of Work Based Learning Qualification Development

Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

9 December 2024, 12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0221

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

HEIW Provision of Work Based Learning Qualification Development

Reference number

PRO-OJEULT-51487

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 and Improvement Wales (HEIW) has undertaken a strategic review of health professional education and training across NHS Wales. HEIW commissions both pre-registration and post-registration qualifications for the NHS Wales workforce.

HEIW identified a requirement to procure a framework agreement for the provision of work based learning qualification development, including individual units/modules or qualifications at education levels from Entry Level 1 to Level 8.

This is to notify the refresh for the HEIW Provision of Work-Based Learning Qualification Development Framework which was undertaken in 2022.

The Contract Award Notice to which this is associated is: 2023-129769

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £490,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services
- 803000000 - Higher education services
- 803200000 - Medical education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work based learning is valued for its flexibility, capability for small cohort numbers, cost-effectiveness, and strong focus on applied practical knowledge and skills. Work based learning qualifications are now recognised as a potential solution for post registration education and the opportunities for higher level post registration work based learning qualification development is ever growing. HEIW have identified the need to procure a framework agreement to provide flexibility for HEIW when commissioning work based learning qualification development, this notice is regarding the refresh from Contract Award notice: 2023-129769. The Framework will remain open throughout its lifetime to allow on an annual basis, new entrants to the market (prospective Bidders) to seek appointment onto the Framework.

The scope of the framework agreement will enable HEIW to commission work based learning qualification development. The qualification

size will be variable and the education levels that will be captured in the framework agreement will be as follows:

Entry level 1

Entry level 2

Entry level 3

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

Level 5

Level 6

Level 7

Level 8

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £490,000

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

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract will be subject to renewal at the discretion of the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority may exercise its option to extend for a further two years in two twelve month intervals up to 31st March 2030.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement with the successful bidders and there is no maximum number of successful bidders that will be appointed to the framework agreement.

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.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As stated within the procurement documents

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

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Justification for any framework agreement duration exceeding 4 years: The requirement falls under the Light Touch Regime therefore providing the ability to exceed 4 years, this is also in line with the review period once Qualification and/or Units/Modules are developed

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-129769](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

2 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

9 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English, Welsh

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

2 December 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The Services to which this Notice relates fall within Regulations 74 to 76 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (Regulations).

Although HEIW may voluntarily adopt certain provisions in the Regulations neither the employment of any terminology nor any other indication shall be taken to mean that the contracting authority intends to hold itself bound by any of the Regulations save those applicable to services falling within Regulations 74 to 76. Bidders to note that they will be required to enter into terms and conditions of contract as set out in the tender documents and that save for matters of clarification or consistency, HEIW will not negotiate the terms. As this is a procurement that falls under the Light Touch Regime, HEIW is proposing to use a procurement procedure which is akin to the open procedure. All tender costs and any liabilities incurred by bidders shall be the sole responsibility of the bidders. HEIW reserves the right to pause, halt, abandon and/or annul the tendering process and not to appoint to the Framework Agreement. Bidders to note appointment to the Framework Agreement does not guarantee the award of further contracts as a result of mini competition participation.

To complete your formal proposal, please access the ITT via the Bravo eTender Wales portal where you will find a full suite of tender documentation.

This Framework Agreement procurement is a refresh of a previous Award which are as follows:

Award Notice: 2023-129769

Contract Notice: 2022-125562

PIN: 2022-122881

2. Express and Interest in the tender:

- Click 'ITT Open to all suppliers'
- Click ITT_103364 and express interest
- This will move the ITT into your 'my ITTs page'
- You can access any attachments by clicking 'buyer attachments' in the 'ITT details' box

3. Responding to the tender

- Click 'my response' under 'ITT details'. You can choose to 'create response' or 'decline to respond'
- You can now use the messages function to communicate with HEIW.

The Framework will remain open throughout its lifetime to allow on an annual basis, new entrants to the market (prospective Bidders) to seek appointment onto the Framework.

Future Refresh Dates are as follows which will be opened after 12 noon.

- 1st April 2026, [responses by 1st December 2025]
- 1st April 2027, [responses by 30th November 2026]
- 1st April 2028, [responses by 30th November 2027] *
- 1st April 2029, [responses by 30th November 2028] *

*In the event the Framework Agreement is extended

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=144921.

(WA Ref:144921)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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