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Tender

Course to upskill the NHS workforce in Genomics and Counselling skills

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0416e8

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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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

Course to upskill the NHS workforce in Genomics and Counselling skills

Reference number

C223652

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National Genomics Education (NGE) team has a focus on providing genomic education and resources for the specialist and non-specialist clinical and non-clinical workforce. Mainstreaming genomics involves routine integration of genomic tests into clinical care, carried out by front-line clinical workforce rather than solely by clinical genetic departments. Many do not currently have the basic subject knowledge, understanding and confidence that would enable them to integrate genomics into their service. A Genomics and Counselling skills course, which can be delivered online supported by tutors and peer-group through synchronous and asynchronous learning, will assist in enabling these professionals, who are frequently the first contact for patients and their families, to understand genomics and its application in healthcare.

A university provider is currently contracted with NGE to develop and deliver a Genomics and Counselling skills course which initially began for Nurses and Midwives, however, the students in the final cohort are from a range of professions who require fundamental knowledge. This year (cohort 4) we had over double the number of applicants to places and continually receive requests for details of future cohorts which cannot be provided as this contract will end in Feb 2024.

A contract will be put in place with an organisation to deliver an online course to provide the opportunity for healthcare workers to learn the fundamentals of genomics as applied to rare diseases, cancer, and infectious disease, and an introduction to genetic counselling skills in the context of the new Genomic Medicine Service. The contract would be in place across 5 years.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £298,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80561000 - Health training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

open procedure - services

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £298,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 + 12 months subject to review

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

Date

7 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

7 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/courts-and-tribunals/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

NHS England

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