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Tender

## **Access to Work: Mental Health Support Service (ATW:MHSS)**

Department for Work and Pensions

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04178b

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Work and Pensions

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London

SW1H 9NA

#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

[commercialdirectorate.employmentcategory@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:commercialdirectorate.employmentcategory@dwp.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Social protection

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Access to Work: Mental Health Support Service (ATW:MHSS)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department for Work and Pensions wishes to establish two (2) contracts, each with a different supplier, to deliver Access to Work (AtW): Mental Health Support Service under the Access to Work Programme on a national basis (excluding Northern Ireland).

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £68,800,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

Access to Work: Mental Health Support Service - Supplier A

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 800000000 - Education and training services
- 850000000 - Health and social work services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England, Scotland and Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Department for Work and Pensions wishes to establish two (2) contracts, each with a

different supplier, to deliver Access to Work (AtW): Mental Health Support Service under the Access to Work Programme on a national basis (excluding Northern Ireland).

In respect of each contract, Services are to be delivered throughout England, Wales and Scotland. A contract will be awarded for an initial referral period of four (4) years (plus an initial implementation period of up to 10 weeks), with the option to extend by up to an additional two (2) years. There will a payment tail period of 332 days.

The anticipated value for the Programme for the initial four years + additional two years will be £68,800,000 exc. VAT (£82,560,000 inc. VAT) across both AtW: MHSS Contracts.

The requirement will be procured through a “Mini-Competition” through the National Lot on the DWP’s Commercial Agreement for the provision of Employment and Health Related Services (“CAEHRS”). CAEHRS is a framework-style agreement for services listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

This opportunity is restricted to suppliers who are registered on the National Lot of CAEHRS.

No supplier may be awarded a contract under more than one Lot.

Conditions applying to the performance of the contracts and the criteria for the award of the contracts are set out in the procurement documents, along with other relevant information relating to this Contract Notice.

Tenders must be received by no later than 15 December 2023 at 10am.

Tenders must be written in English.

#### **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: £34,400,000

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

Start date

20 August 2024

End date

19 August 2028

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

A contract will be awarded for an initial referral period of four (4) years (plus an initial implementation period of up to 10 weeks), with the option to extend by up to an additional two (2) years. There will be a payment tail period of 332 days.

#### **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) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

Access to Work: Mental Health Support Service - Supplier B

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 126-309330](#)

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

Date

15 December 2023

Local time

10:00am

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

Greek

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

15 December 2023

Local time

10:00am



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Suppliers Instructions:

How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once):

<https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk> & click the link to register - Accept the terms & conditions & click 'continue' - Enter your correct business & user details - Note your chosen username & click 'Save'. You will receive an email with your password (keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender - Login to the portal with the username/password - Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) - Click on the relevant exercise to access the content. - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. - This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (A secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box

3. Responding to the tender - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification - Note the deadline for completion. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT - There may be a mixture of online & offline actions to complete (detailed online help available). To submit your reply use the 'Submit Response' button (top of the page).

For further assistance please consult the online help, or the eTendering help desk.

DWP expressly reserves the rights(i)to use a reverse auction; (ii)to cancel this procurement at any stage; (iii)to not award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (iv)and in no circumstances will DWP be liable for any costs incurred by potential suppliers.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department of Work and Pensions

London

Country

United Kingdom