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Tender

Access to medicine

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-041d75

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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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

Access to medicine

Reference number

C228513

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England is seeking to commission an access to medicine programme to support people from low socio-economic backgrounds gain access to healthcare education

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £525,000

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS England is seeking to commission an access to medicine programme to support people from low socio-economic backgrounds gain access to healthcare education

The target is for 500 students to go through the Access to Medicine programme in 2023/2024 and 2024/25, with locations including hard to reach areas such as Sandwell, Kettering, Nottingham, Liverpool and Doncaster (the 20% of worst performing local authorities identified by the Social Mobility Commission as social mobility cold spots)

Additional targets

- Gender applications - target is to see no less than 35% male students in the cohort
- Target cities -- target no more than 30% of cohort from London and a minimum of 10% from social mobility cold spots as identified by the Social Mobility Commission.
- Eligibility status - target is 100% who are eligible for free school meals, are first generation, or both
- BAME applicants - target is no less than 75% BAME and 20% Black

The core programme needs to include the following:

- E-mentoring for 9 months from a medical professional or medical student
- Tailored visits to medical schools across the country, including a mix of traditional and new medical schools
- Workshops on university applications including targeted support for medical school applications such as preparing for the UCAT/BMAT and preparing for medical school interviews
- Work experience and work shadowing opportunities to enable students to meet the admission requirements for medical school, in person or virtual
- Residential summer school offering work experience and skills workshops for 50 students outside London
- Personal statement checking and feedback from an experienced medicine volunteer
- Discussion groups and career insight events such as medical ethics, infection control and medical research
- Provision of tailored guides including a guide to the medical profession
- Regular bulletins on other opportunities to gain experience and insight beyond those offered by the supplier, and event invitations and resources to explore other career options within healthcare beyond practising medicine as a doctor
- Support and advice for aspiring medicine students in advance of and following exam results, including preparation for the transition to university
- Signposting to resources and advice to support mental health and wellbeing
- Detailed reporting and evaluation of programme activities and outcomes including student destinations

Full details and the tender documents can be accessed from the following link: -

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £525,000

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

Duration in months

24

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: 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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

5 January 2024

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

8 January 2024

Local time

9:00am

Place

NHS England

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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