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## **NICE Knowledge Resources Framework**

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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Buyer's address

<https://www.nice.org.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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

NICE Knowledge Resources Framework

Reference number

C315813

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92511000 - Library services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this procurement is to put in place a Framework Agreement to support the purchase of healthcare related print and digital knowledge resources by NHS, health and social care organisations in the UK. Clinicians and staff within these organisations need these knowledge resources to support their practice, research and education. Such knowledge resources will include (but may not be limited to) print and electronic journals and books, databases of bibliographic and full text published content, evidence summaries, continuing medical education resources, digital anatomy resources.

This procurement will replace the current NICE Electronic and Print Content Framework Agreement when it expires on 31 May 2025. More details about the current Framework specification and agreement can be found at: <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/library-and-knowledge-services-staff/buy-books-journals-and-databases>.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 1 - Sole Supplied Resources

Lot No

1

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

This Lot will be used to purchase Knowledge Resources that can only be provided by one (i.e. a "sole") Provider; purchasing from this Lot will be by direct award only; any Knowledge Resource from the categories set out in the procurement documents may be supplied in Lot 1 provided that the Bidder is the sole supplier of the title(s). However, only journal and eBook collections and not individual titles may be supplied under Lot 1.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 2 - Print Books

Lot No

2

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

- 92511000 - Library services
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Medical and healthcare related print books

Note these are for pre-printed and published books This is not for a printing service.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 3 - eBooks

Lot No

3

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Medical and healthcare related eBooks.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 4 - Print and Electronic Journals

Lot No

4

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

- 92511000 - Library services
- 22200000 - Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines
- 92510000 - Library and archive services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Medical and Healthcare related Print and eJournals.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 5 - Databases

Lot No

5

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Databases: searchable online collections of structured information to support healthcare practice, learning, teaching and research to include: abstracting & indexing/bibliographic databases; full-text databases; citation databases.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 6 - Evidence Summaries

Lot No

6

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Evidence Summaries: referential, digital, clinical decision support resources that provide knowledge summaries as Topics. Designed to provide health professionals with comprehensive evidence, clinical decision support and “actionable knowledge” to: support decision-making at the point of care e.g. at the bedside, in the ward, in the clinic, and in community settings, including the patient’s or carer’s home; and to support education and learning before, during and after the patient consultation. Such resources may include a full text component(s) e.g. ejournals, journal articles, eBooks, alongside the Topics.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 7 - Continuing Medical Education (CME) Resources

Lot No

7

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Resources: evidence-based online learning platforms specifically designed to help healthcare professionals enhance their knowledge and support their ongoing professional development. They offer interactive, peer-reviewed medical and healthcare related course modules or reflective practice opportunities that enable healthcare staff to earn CME points and/or track CME/Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activity.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 8 - Digital Anatomy Reference (DAR) Resources

Lot No

8

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

- 92511000 - Library services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Digital Anatomy Reference (DAR) Resources: encompass online platforms, which can be interactive, designed to aid healthcare staff in their clinical practice, research, continuous learning, and professional development. Additionally, they can be used for patient education purposes. The resources provided include both content and multimedia materials e.g. 2D, 3D and interactive images and models, CT and MRI scans, animations, videos, augmented and virtual reality options. Primary focus is anatomy and physiology.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

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

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## **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

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-012803](#)

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

Date

3 December 2024

Local time

5:00pm

### **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

13 January 2025

Local time

2:00pm

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## **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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