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Tender

NICE External Assessment Groups 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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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD - North West (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main 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://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/0f0f4cf4-a358-4717-9cfe-c6c615e8c03b>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NICE External Assessment Groups Framework

Reference number

NICE EAG25-27

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NICE is seeking to commission external assessment groups (EAGs) which will provide a range of services to support its programmes and related activities.

Suppliers can bid for one or more Lots.

NICE will consider bids from multidisciplinary EAGs with knowledge and expertise in health technology assessment.

NICE will consider proposals from consortia or networks of organisations meeting the selection criteria and encourages potential suppliers to explore collaborations that will result in the offer of a comprehensive range of services.

Main activities of the EAGs in each framework

NICE commissions EAGs to support its guidance development programmes in the following key areas and tasks:

Lot 1 - Clinical and Economic Evidence Assessment

Including: critical appraisal of clinical and economic evidence to support the development of NICE outputs; evidence synthesis; de novo economic modelling and critiquing and revising existing models; systematic review and meta-analysis; supporting scoping of evaluation topics; user preference assessment or structured elicitation, confirmation and

review of regulatory status to the evaluation programmes.

Lot 2 - Technical and Decision Support

Including: providing advanced methodological and analytical advice and support to NICE's technical teams and committees on all guideline and technology types that are in remit for NICE, including Health Technology Evaluation (HTE) outputs (pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, medical device and digital technologies, combination products etc.) and Guidelines topics covering public health, social and clinical areas. This includes providing evidence synthesis, data analytics, complex decision analytical modelling and health economic support; providing a technical rapid response service and quality assurance input for guidance products; development and provision of guidance methods training, covering evidence synthesis, data analytics, decision analytical modelling and health economics.

Lot 3 - Evidence Generation to support Access

Including: Evidence generation using existing registers or databases, feasibility studies, data protocol development, pilot studies; data collection and active surveillance; data linkage and complex modelling and/or analyses; register set up and close.

Lot 4 Research governance & ethics support

Including: advice on research governance and ethics support including access to a research ethics committee.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,345,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Clinical and Economic Evidence Assessment

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

critical appraisal of clinical and economic evidence to support the development of NICE outputs; evidence synthesis; de novo economic modelling and critiquing and revising existing models; systematic review and meta-analysis; supporting scoping of evaluation topics; user preference assessment or structured elicitation, confirmation and review of regulatory status to the evaluation programmes.

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: £2,120,000

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

Duration in months

21

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

Options to extend up to 24months

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Technical and Decision Support

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

providing advanced methodological and analytical advice and support to NICE's technical teams and committees on all guideline and technology types that are in remit for NICE, including Health Technology Evaluation (HTE) outputs (pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, medical device and digital technologies, combination products etc.) and Guidelines topics covering public health, social and clinical areas. This includes providing evidence synthesis, data analytics, complex decision analytical modelling and health economic support; providing a technical rapid response service and quality assurance input for guidance products; development and provision of guidance methods training, covering evidence synthesis, data analytics, decision analytical modelling and health economics

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: £825,000

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

Duration in months

21

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

Option to extend for up to 24 months

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Evidence Generation to support Access

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Evidence generation using existing registers or databases, feasibility studies, data

protocol development, pilot studies; data collection and active surveillance; data linkage and complex modelling and/or analyses; register set up and close

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

21

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

Option to extend for up to 24 months

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Research governance & ethics support

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

advice on research governance and ethics support including access to a research ethics committee

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: £13,000

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

Duration in months

21

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

Option to extend up to 24 months

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

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 000-029452](#)

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

Date

13 January 2025

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: 5 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

13 January 2025

Local time

2:00pm

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

National Institute For Health and Care Excellence

London

Country

United Kingdom