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## **W164568 Pensions Benchmarking Service 2025**

NHS Business Services Authority

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from 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

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

W164568 Pensions Benchmarking Service 2025

Reference number

W164568

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 66141000 - Pension fund management services

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

Services

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

Request for information to identify pensions benchmarking services

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 66500000 - Insurance and pension services
- 66522000 - Group pension services
- 66141000 - Pension fund management services
- 75112000 - Administrative services for business operations
- 66521000 - Individual pension services
- 75320000 - Government employee pension schemes
- 66520000 - Pension services
- 75110000 - General public services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The NHS Pensions Service is a department under the NHSBSA. Its role is to centrally administer the NHS Pension Scheme on behalf of the Department of Health. The NHS Pension Scheme currently has over 1.6 million actively contributing members, 700,000+ deferred members, and pays pension benefits to 960,000+ recipients every month. The service collects monthly contributions and pays out pension benefits totaling £12.1 billion per year. The NHSBSA works with 10,000 different scheme employers who are responsible for local administration of the Scheme across England and Wales.

The NHS Pension Scheme has been a cornerstone of the NHS' reward package since its creation in 1948. In terms of membership, it is the largest centrally administered public service pension scheme in Europe.

For more information regarding the NHS Pensions department and the NHS Pension Scheme, please visit the following website: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-pensions>.

The NHSBSA currently has a contract in place with CEM Benchmarking Inc. to provide a pension administration benchmarking service for a period of 12 months. This service will run from the 01 June 2024 to 31 May 2025. This service is used to benchmark the NHS pension scheme against other large public sector body pension schemes. This is to ensure value for money is being achieved by providing an understanding of the NHSBSA's operating costs and to improve its comparator score against other large public sector bodies.

The NHSBSA is looking to run an RFI to understand what services are available within the market as well as what routes to market are available for the service (e.g. frameworks). This is to prepare the NHSBSA for an upcoming procurement in early to mid-2025.

About NHSBSA: The NHSBSA is a national organisation providing a broad range of business services that support the wider NHS.

Further information on our extensive service portfolio can be found at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/about-us>.

### II.2.14) Additional information

How to Participate

- Submissions must be via Atamis (<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>). Any

questions can be submitted via the 'Message Centre'.

- Provide a response to each of the questions detailed in Appendix 1 (Questions).
- This should be in the format of concise written responses and any other information that you feel may be useful to us.
- We do not intend for this RFI exercise to be too onerous to respond to. Hence, the amount of information you wish to provide is left to your discretion.
- We may seek further clarification on your RFI response which will be communicated via the Atamis 'Message Centre'.
- The output from this RFI will be used to inform our future sourcing strategy.
- The deadline for responses is 6th January 2025.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

27 November 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes