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Planning

Legal Advisory and Representation Services

NHS Resolution

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://www.resolution.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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Legal Advisory and Representation Services

Reference number

C327435

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NHS Resolution (the "Authority") would like to invite suitably qualified suppliers to attend a Market Engagement event related to the planned procurement for the provision of special legal services. The procurement will seek to appoint suppliers to a 'Legal Panel' who will support The Authority in managing claims in NHS Primary and Secondary settings.

This event will enable potential suppliers to better understand the Authority, its requirements and be given the opportunity to provide feedback on the operating model and planned procurement process. Any future procurement process will be undertaken in line with the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015.

Please see section "II.2.4 - Description of the procurement" for further information regarding this opportunity.

Lot 1 – Clinical Liabilities: Legal advice and assistance arising out of potential, actual or alleged clinical liabilities of Members, Beneficiaries or others who are indemnified under a scheme or arrangement.

Lot 1 – Non-Clinical Liabilities: Legal advice and assistance arising out of actual or alleged non-clinical liabilities of Members and/or practitioners, employees and workers of such bodies, Beneficiaries or others who are indemnified under a scheme or arrangement.

Lot 2 – Regulatory, Health and Disciplinary Law: Legal advice and assistance in relation to all aspects of medical and healthcare legislation (as amended from time to time) and corresponding statutory responsibilities and powers of Beneficiaries and their carrying out thereof, including under the NHS legislation for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

There are no changes to the Lot 2 model. The pricing matrix will continue to use the rate card.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority is responsible for administering a range of indemnity schemes to cover claims made against general practice and secondary healthcare providers who deliver NHS services in England; delivering expert advice and support on the management of concerns about the performance of doctors, dentists and pharmacists; resolving contracting disputes between primary care contractors and commissioners of primary care, operating independently and transparently; and using its unique perspective across the causes of claims, performance concerns and contracting disputes to provide insights back to the NHS to help to improve safety and manage risk

Working with the legal panel the Authority case handlers investigate liability and quantum, respond to allegations and negotiate settlement where appropriate. As a consequence of the current contract coming to its natural end, the Authority are in the process of developing an operating model to make best use of legal advisors and how they work in collaboration with Authority teams.

Of specific note, the estimated value for this project is subject to change and will be confirmed should the Authority issue a contract notice for this opportunity.

Suppliers are therefore asked to register their interest in attending a Market Engagement session on 8th January 2025, by following the link in this PIN. Details of the event will be made available via a broadcast, in late December. The Link for registering your interest is <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. In the event suppliers are unable to attend the event the slides will made available by the via the same link provided in this notice.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 February 2025

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