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Tender

Invitation to Tender for the Provision of Registrant and Student Panels and Associated Services

General Dental Council

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Scope

Reference

GDC-2025-014

Description

The GDC's core function is to protect the public. This project represents a key task in our strategic commitment to embed user voice, empathy and compassion across all aspects of our work. The panels will play a vital role in enabling the GDC to better hear, understand, and respond to the needs, experiences, perceptions, and expectations of our registrants and students. The voices of registrants and students and the insights they provide will be vital in our work to enhance our effectiveness as a regulator and ensure our approach remains transparent, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of those we regulate.

The GDC's registrant and student panels will ensure we sustain a robust, responsive and independently facilitated approach to involving user voice to inform a wide range of GDC activity. This includes using the panels to develop our understanding of the impacts of factors that are external to the GDC on the dental sector, dental education, the dental

workforce, and the public's access to and experience of dental services.

The General Dental Council (GDC) invites responses to our invitation to tender, 'Registrant and student panels and associated services'. This invitation breaks our requirements into two LOTS, each with a fixed price element for setting up and management of each of the panels, and a call-off element to allow for undertaking activities with the panels. Bidders are invited to bid for one or both Panels (LOTS).

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Research-and-development-consultancy-services./2SX662332H>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/2SX662332H>

Total value (estimated)

- £720,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 24 November 2025 to 23 November 2027
- Possible extension to 23 November 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract will run for an initial two years with the option to renew annually for a further two years.

Main procurement category

Services

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Registrant Panel Requirements

Description

There are two distinct elements to the registrant panel requirements, element 1 and element 2.

Element 1: Recruiting and Maintaining a GDC Registrant Panel involves the recruitment, development and maintenance of a GDC registrant panel that can be called upon to participate in a range of activities.

Element 2: Undertaking Registrant Panel Activities involves the management of the end-to-end activity which needs to include, but not limited to:

- Selection of the participants for the panel activity.
- Data protection impact assessment, including consideration of consent, disclosure, data handling, analyses, reporting and retention.
- Provide a robust and detailed work plan for each panel activity.
- Invitations and management of the cohort for the panel activity to ensure that the activity is undertaken to the agreed timelines.

- Design and gain approval for the approach to delivering panel activities.
- Undertake the activity.
- Provide the outputs from the panel activity as specified and agreed.

Lot value (estimated)

- £360,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Student Panel Requirements

Description

There are two distinct elements to the student panel requirement:

Element 1: Recruiting and Maintaining a GDC Student Panel. The successful bidder/s must be able to recruit, develop and maintain a GDC student panel that can be called upon to participate in a range of activities.

Element 2: Undertaking Student Panel Activities . As well as providing participants for

each activity, if delivering the activity, the successful bidder/s will need to manage the end-to-end activity, which needs to include but not limited to:

- Selection of the participants for the panel activity.
- Data protection impact assessment, including consideration of consent, disclosure, data handling, analyses, reporting and retention.
- Provide a robust and detailed work plan for each panel activity.
- Invitations and management of the cohort for the panel activity to ensure that the activity is undertaken to the agreed timelines.
- Design and gain approval for the approach to delivering panel activities.
- Undertake the activity.
- Provide the outputs from the panel activity as specified and agreed.

Lot value (estimated)

- £360,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 79315000 - Social research services

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Registrant Panel Requirements

Lot 2. Student Panel Requirements

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 September 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

26 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

To access the Invitation to Tender document and submit your tender please follow the link below, the Access Code is 222AD35555:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/select/viewListStatus.html?id=975552681>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

21 November 2025

Award criteria

Lot 1. Registrant Panel Requirements

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Criterion 2	Quality	Quality	70%
Criterion 1	Commercial Criteria	Price	30%

Lot 2. Student Panel Requirements

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Criterion 2	Quality Criteria	Quality	70%
Criterion 1	Commercial Criteria	Price	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

The Bidder's proposal will be evaluated using a two-stage process where if the bidders fail to meet the requirements of stage 1 will be discounted and their proposal will not be evaluated against the stage 2 evaluation criteria

Contracting authority

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