

UK-Leeds: data services  
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Contract notice  
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

## Section I: Contracting authority

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### I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Health and Social Care Information Centre

Postal address: 1 Trevelyan Square, Boar Lane

Town: Leeds

Postal code: LS1 6AE

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [procmail@ic.nhs.uk](mailto:procmail@ic.nhs.uk)

Telephone: +44 11325447191

#### Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: [www.ic.nhs.uk](http://www.ic.nhs.uk)

#### Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

### I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Other: Special Health Authority

### I.3. Main activity

Health

### I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

## Section II: Object of the contract

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### II.1. Description

#### II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

MIQuest query authoring and data extraction service.

#### II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

NUTS code UKE42 Leeds

#### II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

#### II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Data services. Data-processing services. Data collection and collation services. Data analysis services. Data transmission services. The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) wishes to commission a service from an external supplier. This service is required to provide the authoring of queries and extraction of data from primary care systems to support the existing quality and outcomes framework (QOF) pilot process and the annual National Diabetic Audit. Additionally in 2012, there will be a non-recurrent national Dementia and Anti- Psychotic Drug national undertaken; the data collection for this will be made in March 2012.

Health Protection Service (HPS) surveillance programmes, including the Flu and Pneumococcal surveillance, are currently managed directly by the HPS. It is possible that the responsibility for these will move to NHS IC during 2012/13 or 2013/14.

This document outlines the requirements to develop the service, indicative timelines, budget and requested proposal formats from suppliers.

The HSCIC is recognised as England's central, authoritative source of health and social care information. The Health and Social Care Bill indicates that the NHS IC has lead responsibility for central aggregated data collections, ensuring provision of data to other information intermediaries and meeting the requirements of the Government's policies on transparency and public data.

The current technology used to extract data from multiple primary care practice based systems is the MiQuest (Morbidity Information Query and Export Syntax) query authoring tool. The current service allows for the authoring of MiQuest interpreter queries and extraction of data. Additionally through the CHART (Care and NHS IC Data Quality Assurance) software users can be provided with the ability to display the extracted data graphically, in tabular format or within dashboards allowing further analysis to be undertaken. Data is currently provided to the NHS IC using these tools, allowing it to provide a brokerage service between the current supplier and the end customer, and supporting the various outcomes, and audit programmes listed above.

It is expected that support for further outcome frameworks currently under development, such as the commissioning outcomes framework, will be required in future years.

It is also anticipated that further national audits will be introduced for piloting over the next 2 years, these may include audits for fractures and falls audit and obstructive pulmonary disease. A MiQuest query authoring service is required from 1.4.2012 that will immediately be able to support the QOF pilot process, National Diabetic Audit and have the capacity to support other identified monitoring programmes as they are confirmed.

It is intended that the NHS IC GP Extraction Service (GPES) will replace the MiQuest authoring service once it is fully operational in 2013/14. It is, therefore, anticipated that the MiQuest authoring service will be required for a period of two years from 1.4.2012 to provide appropriate cover with an option to extend for a further 12 months if required.

The proposal has therefore been split into 2 stages. Stage 1 covers 2012/13 and 2013/14. During 2013/14, and assuming the preferred supplier has performed the required tasks within stage 1 to the highest standard possible, and subject to business need and funding, the preferred supplier may be required to provide on-going support for the MiQuest query authoring service during 2014/15.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

72300000 Data services, 72310000 Data-processing services, 72314000 Data collection and collation services, 72316000 Data analysis services, 72318000 Data transmission services

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

The initial contract period will be for 24 months.

The Authority wishes to have the option to extend the contract for up to a further 12 months beyond the initial contract period with an estimated value of between 200,00 GBP and 300,00 GBP for the extended period.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 400 000 and 700 000 GBP

### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

Parent company or other guarantees may be required in certain circumstances.

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Please refer to the invitation to tender documents.

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

Joint and several liability.

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 45(1) of Directive 2004/18/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2006 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 45 (2) of Directive 2004/18/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the PCR 2006) to the decision of whether a Candidate is eligible to be invited to tender.

A full list of the Regulation 23(1) and 23(2) criteria are at <http://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/project/reasonsForExclusion.html#pcr>.

Candidates will be required to answer these questions as part of the qualification process. For candidates who are registered overseas, you will need to declare if you have any offences /misconduct under your own countries laws, where these laws are equivalent to the Regulation 23 lists.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 45(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 45 (2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

Please refer to the Invitation to Tender documents.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer to the invitation to tender documents.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Please refer to the invitation to tender documents.

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Please refer to the invitation to tender documents.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Please refer to the invitation to tender documents.

### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

##### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

### **IV.2. Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

### **IV.3. Administrative information**

**IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

RIT0871

**IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

**IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 12.3.2012 - 12:00

Payable documents: no

**IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

13.3.2012 - 12:00

**IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

**IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

**IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in days: 180 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
no

**VI.3. Additional information**

Tenderers will need to note that TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment) Regulations may apply to any employees currently employed by the current service provider. Further information on the possible application of TUPE 2006 will be provided in the invitation to tender documents.

Suppliers must read through this set of instructions and follow the process to respond to this opportunity.

The information and/or documents for this opportunity are available on <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta>. You must register on this site to respond, if you are already registered you will not need to register again, simply use your existing username and password.

Please note there is a password reminder link on the homepage.

Suppliers must log in, go to your Response Manager and add the following Access Code: YB5B3X4874. Please ensure you follow any instruction provided to you here.

The deadline for submitting your response(s) is 13.3.2012 (12:00). Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have been asked to upload documents.

If you experience any technical difficulties please contact the Delta eSourcing Helpdesk on call 08452707050 or email [helpdesk@delta-esourcing.com](mailto:helpdesk@delta-esourcing.com). GO Reference: GO-201222-PRO-3692073.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Postal address: Strand

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 2079476336

Fax: +44 2079476807

Internet address: [www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk](http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk)

##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations (as amended) the Department will notify tenderers, by electronic means, or by facsimile, of the standstill period before which any contract (s) will be entered into. This standstill period shall not end before at least midnight at the end of the 10th day after the sending date, but where the last day is not a working day, the standstill period shall be extended to the midnight at the end of the next working day. Where, exceptionally, non-electronic means of communication is used, the different timescale as set out in the Regulations shall apply. This standstill period provides unsuccessful tenderers with the opportunity to challenge the Authority's decision. If they consider they have sufficient grounds to do so, they can suspend the award within this period, by lodging a claim form at the High Court (and following the various formalities required by the Regulations and the rules of Court for service).

##### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

2.2.2012