

**United Kingdom-Stockton-on-Tees: Health services**  
**OJ S 110/2015 10/06/2015**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Directive 2004/18/EC**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group

Postal address: Teesdale House, Thornaby

Town: Stockton-on-Tees

Postal code: TS17 6BL

Country: United Kingdom

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Telephone: +44 1642746911

**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.necsu.nhs.uk>

Address of the buyer profile: [http://www.mytenders.org/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA31749](http://www.mytenders.org/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA31749)

Electronic access to information: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/necsu>

**Additional information can be obtained from:**

Official name: North of England Commissioning Support Unit

Postal address: Teesdale House, Thornaby

Town: Stockton-on-Tees

Postal code: TS17 6BL

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Dean Burns

Telephone: +44 1642746911

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

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**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** Official name: North of England Commissioning Support Unit

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

Body governed by public law

## **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**

Audiology (Adult Hearing) (Any Qualified Provider) Services for NHS Sunderland CCG.

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

Services

Service category No 25: Health and social services

Main site or place of performance: Sunderland.

NUTS code UKC23 Sunderland

#### **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)**

North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) for and on behalf of NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are undertaking a procurement via the Any Qualified Provider (AQP) route for Audiology (Adult Hearing) Services for Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. This Any Qualified Provider (AQP) opportunity is a NHS Health and Social Care contract, the opportunity is being advertised on Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) also to ensure transparency.

This AQP for Audiology (Adult Hearing) Services is being commissioned by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) Unit for and on behalf of NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The service is being commissioned in line with national guidance and local requirements. The providers need to deliver high quality, efficient services which are responsive to the needs of the local communities.

The service will be commissioned using the AQP process. In securing services under the AQP process, assurance of competence, quality and safety standards is required. Providers will be eligible to join the qualified provider list subject to demonstrating competency against specified criteria. Qualified providers will be expected to deliver the service under the NHS Standard Contract. As a qualified provider there are no levels of guaranteed activity. Payment is made based on actual provision and outcomes.

The qualification questionnaire and all relevant documentation associated with this offer can be downloaded at the NECS eTendering Portal, which can be found at:

<https://ln-tendhost.co.uk/necs>

Providers must register on the site.

To access the documentation, please select Tenders from the main menu at the top of the page, and then select Current to access a list of current procurements being undertaken by

NECS. Please select this procurement from the list and express an interest to gain access to the relevant documents and questionnaires. User Guides are available together with a dedicated In-Tend help-line to guide bidders through the process.

The deadline for completion of the qualification documents and questionnaires is 12:00 noon on Tuesday 30.6.2015.

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

85100000 Health services, 85140000 Miscellaneous health 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**

**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: 36 (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**

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

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

**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: (1) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that they are not bankrupt or the subject of an administration order, are not being wound-up, have not granted a trust deed, are not the subject of a petition presented for sequestration of their estate, have not had a receiver, manager or administrator appointed and are not otherwise apparently insolvent.

(2) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that the candidate, their directors, or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control of the candidate has not been convicted of conspiracy, corruption, bribery, or money laundering. Failure to provide such a declaration will result in the candidate being declared ineligible and they will not be selected to participate in this procurement process.

(3) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence relating to the conduct of their business or profession.

(4) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that they have not committed an act of grave misconduct in the course of their business or profession.

(5) All candidates must comply with the requirements of the State in which they are established, regarding registration on the professional or trade register.

(6) Any candidate found to be guilty of serious misrepresentation in providing any information required, may be declared ineligible and not selected to continue with this procurement process.

(7) All candidates will have to demonstrate that they are licensed, or a member of the relevant organisation, in the State where they are established, when the law of that State prohibits the provision of the services, described in this notice, by a person who is not so licensed or who is not a member of the relevant organisation.

(8) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that they have fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions under the law of any part of the United Kingdom or of the relevant State in which the candidate is established.

(9) All candidates will be required to produce a certificate or declaration demonstrating that they have fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes under the law of any part of the United Kingdom or of the relevant State in which the economic operator is established.

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

List and brief description of conditions: All candidates will be required to provide a statement, covering the 3 previous financial years including the overall turnover of the candidate and the turnover in respect of the activities which are of a similar type to the subject matter of this notice.

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

List and brief description of conditions:

An indication of the proportion of the contract which the services provider intends possibly to subcontract.

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

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

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

#### **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: yes

## **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**

NECS148d

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

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

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

30.6.2015 - 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**

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

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: yes

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure: In line with the CCGs Detailed Financial Instructions.

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

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

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

(MT Ref: 155075).

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

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

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: The Contracting Authority will act in accordance with Regulation 32 and Part 9 of the Public Contract Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 no 5) as amended by the Public Contract (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 no 2992). Part 9 of these Regulations provides for appeals to be made to the High Court subject to the time limitations and other required procedural steps. The rules relating to appeal are complex and a dissatisfied tenderer is advised to take their own prompt legal advice.

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

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

5.6.2015