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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: National Institute of Health & Clinical Excellence
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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.nice.org.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

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

II.1. Description

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

Piloting of quality indicators tender.

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

Services

Service category No 8: Research and development services

Main site or place of performance: At suppliers premises.

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

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)

Within NICE, the Quality Standards and Indicators Team as part of the Health and Social Care Directorate is responsible for producing Quality Standards and indicators for the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) and Commissioning Outcomes Framework (COF).

The Health and Social Care Directorate wishes to appoint a contractor to:

- pilot QOF indicators in primary care,
- support health economic analysis of QOF indicators.

The contractor may on occasions be asked to pilot in primary care, quality indicators used in other frameworks.

The key objectives of the piloting service are to assess the feasibility, impact, barriers to implementation, acceptability and any unintended consequences of the indicators.

The key objectives of the health economic analysis are to advise on methods and provide reports on cost effectiveness of indicators.

The contractor will work in line with NICE methods and processes for development of QOF indicators. Documents describing the methods and process employed by NICE are available from the Institute's website www.nice.org.uk.

The contractor should be able to start work from April 2013.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73110000 Research services, 73120000 Experimental development services, 85140000 Miscellaneous health services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

The main objective of the contractor is to pilot indicators in primary care and to undertake and support health economic analysis.

The key objectives of the piloting service are to assess the feasibility, impact and acceptability of indicators, and to identify barriers to implementation and any unintended consequences of the indicators.

The key objectives of the health economic analysis are to advise on methods and produce reports on cost effectiveness of indicators.

The main purpose of these indicators will be for use in the QOF but may on occasions be used in other outcomes frameworks.

Some of the activities that the contractor will be required to undertake are as follows:-

- provide advice to NICE on the identification of new areas for indicator development,
- provide support and advice to NICE in the design of indicators in collaboration with the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC),
- develop a protocol, with agreement of NICE, outlining the questions to be addressed, the time period (usually around 6 months) and number of practices to be involved during piloting of indicators,
- pilot indicators in a number of general practices across England (with engagement with a

small number of practices in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland),

— produce guidance for new indicators.

It is anticipated that the contractor will pilot up to 20 new indicators over a 12 month period. All new indicators will be considered for suitability for cost-effectiveness analysis, and health economic reports will be produced for all suitable indicators in line with the methodology agreed with NICE.

The contractor will be expected to produce:

— reports on the results of piloting of indicators in a format agreed with NICE,

— health economic reports on the cost-effectiveness of indicators in a format agreed with NICE,

— guidance for new indicators,

— equality analysis at the piloting stage of indicator development.

The contract is expected to be in place by the start of April 2013 and will run for 3 years pending outcome of a formal review at the end of each year. The budget is £250 000,00 GBP per year (3 years =£750K).

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 250 000,00 and 750 000,00 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: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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

Joint and Severable.

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

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

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: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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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

QOF-09-2012

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

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: 19.11.2012 - 17:00

Payable documents: no

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

19.11.2012 - 17:00

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

Date: 20.11.2012

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

VI.3. Additional information

Please note that when submitting your expression of interest, you must clearly state your name, company name, full postal address and a contact telephone number in your email. All bids must be received at NICE no later than 5:00pm (17:00hrs) on 19.11.2012. Any bids received after the stated closing date of 19.11.2012 5:00pm (17:00hrs) may be rejected.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

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Postal code: WC1V 6NA

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: NICE will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of.

The contract is communicated to tenders. This Period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from the contracting authority named in section I.1. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI2006 No5.) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within three months). Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may only award damages.

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

24.9.2012