

United Kingdom-London: Evaluation consultancy services
OJ S 131/2019 10/07/2019
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Nursing and Midwifery Council

Postal address: 23 Portland Place

Town: London

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: W1B 1PZ

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Ms Rahat Khalil

E-mail: procurement@nmc-uk.org

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp/Home>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Other type: UK Healthcare Regulator

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: 10

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Provision of Design, Development and Maintenance of the Test of Competence and Aptitude Test

Reference number: REG-00000015

II.1.2. Main CPV code

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

A sole supplier framework contract arrangement to provide design, development and maintenance of the test of competence and aptitude test. We are looking to work with a partner with a proven track record of engaging and working with customers to design and develop examination content similar to the test of competence and aptitude test.

II.1.6.

Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 2 007 355,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: UNITED KINGDOM.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The order provides that the NMC must establish and maintain a register of qualified nurses, midwives and, from January 2019, nursing associates. In order to do so, the NMC must from time to time establish the standards of proficiency necessary to be admitted to the different parts of the register. The standards of proficiency are the standards the NMC considers necessary for safe and effective practise under that part of the register. Applicants will only be admitted to the NMC's register if they meet the NMC's standards of proficiency and are capable of safe and effective practice. An assessment of an applicant's professional qualification is an important part of that assessment process. For applicants to the nursing or midwifery part of the register who were trained outside of the EU or the EEA, the NMC will assess their qualification to determine whether it is comparable to a nursing or midwifery qualification awarded in the United Kingdom. Where an applicant's qualification is assessed as not comparable in some way, the applicant may undertake a test of competence to demonstrate that they have the requisite standard of proficiency for admission to the nursing or midwifery part of the register. For applicants to the nursing or midwifery part of the register who were trained within the EU or the EEA, but whose qualifications are not governed by the Recognition of Qualifications Directive [2005/36/EC], the NMC will assess their qualification to determine whether there are any shortfalls between the applicant's qualification and the NMC's standards of proficiency for nurses or midwives. Where any shortfalls are identified, the applicant may either complete an adaptation programme or undertake an aptitude test to demonstrate that they have the requisite standard of proficiency for admission to the nursing or midwifery part of the register. For applicants to the nursing associate part of the register who were trained outside of England, the NMC will assess their qualification to determine whether it is comparable to a nursing associate qualification awarded in England. Where an applicant's qualification is assessed as not comparable in some way, the applicant may undertake a test of competence to demonstrate that they have the requisite standard of proficiency for admission to the nursing associate part of the register. Applicants to any part of the register who were trained in the UK but who did not register their qualification with the NMC within 5 years of award are also required to complete the test of competence. In addition and subject to the outcome of the NMC's current consultation on return to practice, the NMC may also require those wishing to return to the register after a period of absence to complete a test of competence. Satisfactory completion of the test of competence or the aptitude test provides the NMC with objective evidence that an applicant has the standard of proficiency comparable to an applicant with a qualification awarded in the UK and approved by the NMC. Those who pass the test of competence or the aptitude test will be deemed to hold an approved qualification and, therefore, to have met one of the requirements for admission to the NMC's register. Consequently it is imperative that the quality of the test and its consistent delivery and assessment are of the highest standard.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70 %
Price - Weighting: 30 %

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

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

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2018/S 240-548297](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Title:

Provision of Design, Development and Maintenance of the Test of Competence and Aptitude Test

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

04/06/2019

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: AlphaPlus Consultancy Ltd
National registration number: 04801609
Town: Manchester
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom
Country: United Kingdom
The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 1 178 646,00 GBP
Total value of the contract/lot: 2 007 355,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.3. Additional information**VI.4. Procedures for review****VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Nursing and Midwifery Council
Postal address: N M C, 23 Portland Place
Town: London
Postal code: W1B 1PZ
Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: procurement@nmc-uk.org
Internet address: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

Official name: Nursing and Midwifery Council
Postal address: 23 Portland Place
Town: London
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Country: United Kingdom
E-mail: procurement@nmc-uk.org

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: Nursing and Midwifery Council
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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

08/07/2019