

UK-Leeds: medical software development services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Health and Social Care Information Centre

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Town: Leeds

Postal code: LS1 6AE

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: The Procurement Team

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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

II.1. Description

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

RIT0866 - National Casemix Office Local Grouper.

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)

Medical software development services. The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) wishes to commission a service from an external supplier.

The National Casemix Classifications Service develops clinical grouping methodologies and software products that enable the NHS to record clinical activity and, in turn, support reimbursement of clinical activity through Payment by Results (PbR).

The predominant classification system being developed is Healthcare Resource Groups (HRGs). Healthcare Resource Groups (HRGs) are standard groupings of clinically similar treatments which use comparable levels of healthcare resource. In their most basic form HRGs are groups of ICD-10 diagnoses and OPCS procedures that have similar resource implications.

The design, implementation and support of HRGs is the main function of the Casemix service. In order to pay hospitals accurately for work they carry out, a tariff needs to be assigned to each diagnosis and procedure code in use (currently ICD-10 codes for diagnoses, OPCS 4.5 for procedures), HRGs are designed to bring together diagnoses or procedures that are of similar resource use and are clinically coherent and meaningful.

Under the Payment by Results (PbR) government policy, these classifications are used as a currency to provide a mechanism whereby NHS trusts can be appropriately reimbursed for providing healthcare services.

The development of HRGs is cyclical. Each year a revision process is executed to revise the current version where necessary and every few years a major revision process takes place to ensure that the classification keeps pace with the continuous modernisation of the NHS.

HRG4 has been developed to:

- a) Reflect changes in clinical practice and costs
- b) Increase coverage by introducing HRGs to new clinical areas
- c) Introduce the concept of 'setting independence'
- d) Increase the statistical performance of HRGs by introducing elements such as unbundling and improved complication and comorbidity splits
- e) Incorporate the improved identification and classification of procedures using updated OPCS codes
- f) Enable more accurate analysis of healthcare needs within the service

In order to facilitate the above services the HSCIC requires a supplier to construct a user friendly, secure and auditable solution to:

- 1 Develop, test and deliver multiple (expected to be 4 per year) HRG4 local Groupers ("Groupers") in line with the supplied specifications. This could be either a new development or as amendments or updates to an existing product as required;
2. Provide ongoing support for the products produced including resolution of bugs or issues in live products;
3. Provide a mechanism for the acceptance of additional, Grouper-related commissions from the National Casemix Service, on a call-off basis, for the delivery of additional products and / or services.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

72212180 Medical software development 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 with an option for extending for up to 2 further periods of 12 months.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 180 000 and 200 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: There is an option to extend the initial contract term for up to 2 further periods of 12 months.

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

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.

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

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

RIT0866

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: 4.12.2012 - 11:59

Payable documents: no

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

4.12.2012 - 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

Date: 4.12.2012 - 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

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 complete set of instructions and follow the process to respond to this tender.

Your tender must be completed and submitted electronically by using Vault through BiPs Delta-ets by the due date of 4 12 2012 @ 12:00hrs.

The information and documents for this tender will be accessible at the following website www.delta-ets.com. To be able to access these documents you will need to register your company details and enter the following Tender Access Code (TAC) J6XD54JMXU at the bottom of the registration page, thereafter you will be issued with a username and password. If you have already registered with Delta previously, please follow the link shown and click on the 'Delta-ets Home' tab instead. This will redirect you to the home page where you can log on using your existing username and password to collect the tender documents. If you have registered and have forgotten your username and password, please click on the forgotten password link on the Delta-ets homepage.

Please keep this username and password secure, and do not pass it to any third parties.

You must log into Delta-ets and then click on the Vault tab, if you have added the TAC code to your registration you will automatically view the tender title. Click on this link and you will

be taken into the tenderbox where the documents are stored. If you have previously accessed Delta then please enter the TAC code in Vault and you will then be able to access the documentation. Please check that you are able to access these online ITT documents. If you are experiencing problems, then please contact the Delta helpdesk via email: helpdesk@delta-ets.com or call +44 8452707050 for further assistance.

Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time. If you are uploading multiple documents you will have to individually load one document at a time or you can opt to zip all the documents in an application like WinZip or WinRar. GO Reference: GO-20121025-PRO-4342733.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

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

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Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

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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

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

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

25.10.2012