

United Kingdom-London: Evaluation consultancy services

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Contract 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

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

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

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/nmc/asp/Home>

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

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Other type: UK Healthcare Regulator

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: Health

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

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (the “NMC”) is a statutory body governed primarily by the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 (the “Order”). The NMC regulates nurses and midwives in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. From January 2019 the NMC will also regulate the new nursing associate profession in England. The NMC is inviting expressions of interest from organisations who wish to enter into 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. Further details can be found under Section II.2.4) of this notice.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 1 178 646,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services, 79415200 Design consultancy services, 73220000 Development consultancy services, 80561000 Health training services

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 five 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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 1 178 646,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 48

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

On-going requirement on behalf of the NMC.

II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5 Maximum number: 7

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

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

Please note: The deadline to submit your EOIs and requests to participate in this procurement exercise is: 17:00 Wednesday 19.12.2018. The submission deadline for completed Selection Questionnaires (SQs) is: 12:00 midday on Monday 7.1.2019. Please respond to this procurement by registering your interest via the NMC e-Sourcing portal (e-Sourcing Portal):
<https://intendhost.co.uk/nmc>

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1.

Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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 105-239631](#)

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 07/01/2019 Local time: 12:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 04/02/2019

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

In 2024.

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Nursing and Midwifery Council

Postal address: 23 Portland Place

Town: London

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Country: United Kingdom
Internet address: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/>

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

10/12/2018