

Services Negotiated Procedure Notice

Title: London Agency Project Framework Agreement for Agency Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and Healthcare Assistants

1. Awarding authority: NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, Premier House, 60 Caversham Road, Reading, RG1 7EB, UK, Tel: 0118 980 8814, Fax: 0118 980 8853, Email: estelle.groves@doh.gsi.gov.uk Contact: Estelle Groves.

2. Category of service and description, CPC reference number, quantity, options: CPV: 74500000-4, 74510000-7, 74520000-0, 74524000-8.
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel services. Placement services of personnel. Supply services of personnel. Supply services of nursing personnel.

Additional description: The NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency, acting as an agent on behalf of the NHS Trusts in London, invites Expressions of Interest from registered nursing agencies in a proposed procurement of Agency Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and Healthcare Assistants.

This procurement falls under Annex 1b of Directive 92/50/EEC and is therefore excluded from most of the substantive requirements of the directive.

3. Delivery to: The Framework Agreement will cover the provision of the above to all NHS bodies in the London region. A complete list of these NHS bodies will be provided in the offer documents but can also be seen at www.doh.gov.uk/london/execlon.htm

4. a) Reserved for a particular profession: No

4. b) Law, regulation or administrative provision: Agencies must be registered in accordance with Nurses Agencies Act 1957.

4. c) Obligation to mention the names and qualifications of personnel: Not Applicable

5. Division into lots: Yes. Agencies may bid for all or part of the services.

It is envisaged that the contract will be awarded to a number of agencies.

6. Number of service providers which will be invited to tender: Not known at this stage.

7. Variants: Yes. The agency will be required to provide the service as outlined in the specification. However, the agency could also submit a variant bid providing they have submitted a core compliant bid.

8. Time limits for completion or duration of the contract, for starting or providing the service: The Framework Agreement will be awarded for an initial period of 18 months (from April 2003) with the option to extend the Agreement for a further period of 12-24 months and it is anticipated that a number of agencies will participate in the Framework Agreement.

9. Legal form in case of group bidders: Joint and several liability.
Expressions of Interest from consortia will be accepted, however each member of the consortium will be evaluated individually and therefore each member of the consortium must request a PQQ and complete and return it by the dates stated in this advertisement.

10. a) Justification for accelerated procedure:

10. b) Deadline for receipt of applications: 03/05/2002. (17.00)

10. c) Address: Address: As in 1. Contact: Estelle Groves. Ref./Other info: LAP2 Eol.

10. d) Language(s): English

11. Deposits and guarantees: Not Applicable

12. Qualifications: Any agency wishing to express an interest MUST complete a Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). This is obtained by telephoning 0118 980 8829 and requesting a LAP application pack. This pack must be requested by 26 April 2002 and must be completed and returned by no later than 17.00 hours on Friday 03 May 2002.

13. Providers already selected: None.

14. Other information: This procurement falls under Annex 1b of Directive 92/50/EEC and is therefore excluded from most of the substantive requirements of the directive.

Agencies who are involved in any other NHS regional or national contract are advised to treat this procurement as an entirely separate process.

The information requested in the PQQ will be used to create a preliminary shortlist of agencies that will receive the offer documents. Failure to provide any of the information requested in the PQQ will result in your agency not being shortlisted to receive the offer documents.

If you require any further information, contact Estelle Groves, details above.

15. Notice Postmarked: 18/03/2002

16. Notice received on:

17. Date(s) of previous publication: Not applicable.

18. Covered by the GPA agreement: No