



Salisbury Managed
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C1546.325 – Quality Framework for the Provision of Functional Skills
Education, North west England

Under Dynamic Purchasing System C1546 – Training Services



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Working with



Health Education England



Background

Health Education England have partnered with the Managed Procurement Services team at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, to deliver a range of support for employers to increase their uptake of Apprenticeships following the Sainsbury education reforms. This provides a range of local, regional and national support services including the procurement of apprenticeship providers, the management of apprenticeship provider quality and engagement, and the contracting process, all of which have delivered considerable savings for employers in terms of reducing procurement cost, and also in launching a number of innovative delivery programmes for apprenticeships to support both small and large professions.

Salisbury frequently work in partnership with professional bodies, and NHS trusts, STPs / ICSs, and wider regional systems, as well as organisations such as London Councils, the Association of Directors of Social Services, the Ambulance Chief Executives Association, Public Health England, NHS Leadership Academy and NHS EI.

Salisbury also partner with organisations such as YPO for the delivery of wider programmes, as well as working outside education in areas such as energy, professional services and commercial retail.

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust are therefore a Contracting Authority within the meaning of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, and are able to make this DPS available to other public organisations listed in the relevant section of this document. Salisbury Commercial Services is a trading name of Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust for the delivery of this DPS and associated services.

This Requirement

Under Salisbury's existing Dynamic Purchasing System for Education & Training Provision, Salisbury are acting for the organisations listed, in conducting a further competition for the requirements listed below :

Requirement Description
<p>Functional Skills are a key underpinning requirement for successful education, including workplace education and apprenticeships.</p> <p>On behalf of North West employers and learners, Health Education England are creating a Quality Framework for the provision of Functional Skills training and exams.</p> <p>Those who are successful at getting onto the framework will be included in / added to a digital platform (yet to be designed) that will be developed for use by Health and Social Care organisations, staff and prospective staff / learners to search for and find appropriate Functional Skills and Exam provision which is suitable to their needs. As a result, those on the Framework will be required to provide the following information and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide specific additional details of Functional Skills courses and Exam provision, provision of support to learners, accessibility, enrolment, any costs in addition to funded programmes / provision and contact details (list not exhaustive) to be hosted on a digital platform for learners and NHS / Social Care organisations to use to identify suitable provision• Update us of changes to these details immediately (providers will be removed from the Framework immediately if changes are not communicated which results in the information on the digital platform being out of date)• Timely response to requests for information and updates• Respond to quality monitoring requirements / checks / updates in terms of their provision (to provide assurance that providers should remain on the Quality Framework)

- Communicate at earliest opportunity where learners are unable to access their provision so alternative provision can be sourced
- Monitoring and data provision of access from Health and Social care learners / referrals and updated statistics provided re: engagement, enrolment, exam attempts, completion / success and attrition (among other data)

Timetable

Opportunity live on Bravo and advertised	Monday 06 July 2020
Last date for Bidder Questions	Friday 24 July 2020 at 17:00
ITT closes for Bidder Responses	Friday 07 August 2020 at 12:00
Providers notified of Outcome	By Friday 21 August 2020 at 12:00
Standstill Period Applied	Monday 24 August 2020 to 00.01 Friday 04 September 2020
Framework open to Employers to access	Monday 07 September 2020
Framework Closure Date	Wednesday 31 st August 2024
The Framework Operator reserves the right to re-open this Framework periodically to add new standards or create new market opportunities. Such re-opening will be advertised via OJEU at the time.	

Information for Bidders

Please note the following conditions apply to this Competition :

1. Contracting Authority – The Contracting Authority will be the organisation(s) listed in the Requirements summary above, depending on the employing Trust for the Learner.
2. Responses and Questions – All responses, bids and questions must ONLY be submitted via the Bravo Procurement Portal operated by Salisbury NHSFT.
3. Terms & Conditions – The successful bidder(s) will be awarded contracts under standard NHS Terms & Conditions (copy available on Bravo). Bidders' own terms or conditions will not be accepted by the Contracting Authority.
4. Award of Business – All offers on this Procurement are made in good faith and reasonable expectation, however the Contracting Authority retains the right to change indicated student numbers. The Contracting Authority retains the right to make a reduced, or no, award following the outcome of the Competition.
5. Eligibility – Only Suppliers registered and approved on Salisbury NHSFT's Dynamic Purchasing System (OJEU Reference 2017/S 045-083446) shall be eligible to compete in this Competition.

Suppliers may apply to join that DPS during this competition, but no time extensions shall be granted to do so.

6. All bid responses and required information must be provided by the Close Date indicated on the Bravo portal.

DPS Scope

The Contracting Authority expressly reserved the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it saw fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates.

The awarding of a place on the Dynamic Purchasing System does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. Any orders placed under this DPS will form a separate contract under the scope of this Framework between the supplier and the specific requesting other contracting body. The Contracting Authority and other contracting bodies utilising the DPS shall only use electronic portals during the life of the agreement.

Any values that have been provided are only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this framework agreement.

The DPS has been established by Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, for use by the following bodies (and any future successors to these organisations):

The following Contracting Authorities are entitled to place Orders:

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and all bodies listed below :

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Please note Central Government departments may be subject to Government Digital Service approval before using the Framework Agreement.

Local Authorities (England and Wales)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/791684/

[List of councils in England 2019.pdf](#)

National Parks Authorities

<https://www.nationalparks.uk/about-us>

Educational Establishments in England and Wales, maintained by the Department for Education including Schools, Universities and Colleges listed :

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=all-england&for=secondary>

Police Forces listed by the College of Policing, plus Police Scotland and Police Service of Northern Ireland

https://www.college.police.uk/About/Copyright_Licensing/Pages/Home-Office-police-forces.aspx

Police Forces and Special Police Forces in the United Kingdom, and/or Police and Crime Commissioners (as defined by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) and/or the Police Authorities (as defined in the Police Act 1964, Police Act 1996, Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006, Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006), and other relevant legislation for the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for their respective rights and interests

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

NHS Bodies England

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CCGListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AreaTeamListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>

Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice?gclid=CPLU3cD7zdECFdaRGwodNeoDyw>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/>

<http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

<http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/>

Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and (i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement;

(ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement; or

(iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement

(iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this section of this Framework Agreement

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the Framework Agreement if the Authority is satisfied that:

- such entity is calling-off goods and/or services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Agreement on their own account;
- all goods to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively to provide goods and/or services at sites occupied by such public sector body(ies); and
- it will pass the benefit of the call-off contract to such public sector body(ies) directly, in full and on a purely “pass-through” basis. Accordingly there must be no mark-up, management fee, service charge or any similar cost solely in relation to the supply of goods and/or services imposed on the relevant public sector body(ies), who must be able to benefit from the terms of the Framework Agreement in a like manner and to the same extent as if using the Framework Agreement on its/their own account.

Any ‘bodies governed by public law’ which under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 means bodies that have all of the following characteristics

(a) they are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;

(b) they have legal personality; and

(c) they have any of the following characteristics:—

(i) they are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law;

(ii) they are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies; or

(iii) they have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.

This DPS is valid for four years, ending 12:00 on 01 March 2021. Employers may enter into contracts which extend beyond the lifetime of the DPS.

Terms & Conditions

The individual Employer organisations will be responsible for issuing their standard Terms & Conditions as part of the mini competition documentation.

Access Charges

There is no charge for Providers to register for inclusion on the DPS, to access information, or to bid for business via the DPS.

For Suppliers – How to Participate

Suppliers can request to join (or withdraw from) a DPS at any time during the advertised lifetime of the DPS.

All DPS activity is carried out electronically, including further competition and messaging.

Salisbury NHSFT uses the Bravo NHS Portal for all procurement requirements, including DPS.

Suppliers wishing to join this DPS should register on the Portal https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html and locate relevant project reference. Suppliers will then be asked to complete the online PQQ and submit. Salisbury NHSFT will then evaluate the PQQ and advise within 10 working days after an initial period of 30 days (or advise the supplier where this will be extended).

Suppliers successfully placed on the DPS will then be advised of further competitions via the Bravo portal.

It is therefore **essential** that suppliers maintain their contact details within their Bravo profile at all times, as Salisbury Commercial Services will not be responsible for suppliers not receiving competition calls due to incorrect or outdated profile information.

Further Information

For further information, email Simon Dennis at simon.dennis@nhs.net or visit the Bravo procurement portal (https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/nhs_collaborative/web/login.html)