**Prior Information Notice (PIN) for Diabetic Eye Screening Service Provision for Essex and East Anglia region**

**Bravo Project Ref –** [Project\_297](https://gemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/toolkit/negotiation/tnd/tenderConfiguration.do?from=menu&tenderCode=tender_93345) - Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) for Essex and East Anglia

**Duration of the contract:** 5 years (+ 2 years possible extension subject to annual reviews)

**Description of the procurement opportunity:**

Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit (AG CSU), acting on behalf of the NHS England Midlands and East (The commissioners) invites expressions of interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced healthcare service providers including third sector organisations, social enterprise and other providers to provide Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) to Essex and East Anglia registered patients. NHS England Midlands and East (East) will be the contracting and commissioning authority for DESP. For ease of governance, the commissioners have split the geographic area served by them into 2 regions listed below and are looking to appoint a DESP service provider for each of these regions.

1. Essex
2. East Anglia (covering Suffolk, parts of East Cambridgeshire, parts of South and East Norfolk, Peterborough and majority of Cambridgeshire)

The service provision will cater all ages suffering with diabetes and fulfil their need for regular eye screening. The current contracts for the DESP services will end on 31 March 2016 and as a result the successful provider is expected to be fully operational, providing services from 01 April 2016. Based on the current contract it is anticipated that the value of the contract will be as below[[1]](#endnote-1)#:

1. Essex - circa £1.880 million per annum
2. East Anglia - circa £2.102 million per annum

For this service provision AG CSU would like to encourage innovative solutions including consortia, strategic alliances and sub-contracts which will deliver value for money and improved services to patients. The service provider will be required to deliver an outcome based service to include:

* Provision of clinical and holistic assessment for diabetic eye screening,
* Provision of professional advice to patients for maintaining healthy eyes,
* Robust business management systems and processes for improved patient experience,
* Financial management – efficient use and maximisation of available resources. Maintain financial control within the available budget,
* Patient centred service – consistently delivering high levels of patient satisfaction.

The commissioners encourage innovation and use of technology within service delivery. They are seeking patient centred solutions for the provision of this service with the following aims:

* The right access – the method of service delivery needs to be mobile and flexible to meet the varying patient needs,
* The right clinical assessment - specialist assessment for children and elderly patients or that with a disability,
* The right timing - the timely inspection and screening of eyes for prevention of any complications.

The providers will be required to establish and maintain best practices and use them for continuous service improvement during the term of the contract. The providers will also need to adopt applicable national guidance.

The procurement relating to this PIN notice will be advertised on Contracts Finder (<https://online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/>) and administered/conducted via the AG CSU’s e-Tendering portal known as Bravo solutions. Providers wishing to be considered for this opportunity must register with AG CSU’s e-Tendering portal by visiting following web link: <https://gemcsu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Full details regarding this procurement opportunity will be available there. Once registered, providers must express their interest by taking following steps:

1. Log in within the portal with the username/password,
2. Click on ‘View Current Opportunities’ sections.
3. Find appropriate project and click on it
4. Click the "Express Interest" button at the top of the page
5. On the next screen please go to ‘My Procurement Projects’ and click on ‘PQQ Open To All Supplier’ section,
6. Follow further instructions and provide additional procurement specific information (if required)

It is expected that the procurement opportunity will be advertised around 31 Jul 15.

**Type of procurement procedure:**

The procurement will be conducted as on OJEU (Part B) Service Contract using the Open Procedure under the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.

**Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender derived using the criteria stated in the specifications of the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

**Additional Information:**

* The contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system for this procurement exercise and reserves the right to use a reverse auction.
* Variants may be accepted by AG CSU at their discretion provided that they meet the core requirements set out in the invitation to tender.
* Tenders and all supporting information must be priced in sterling and completed in English (or full translation provided at no cost).
* Any contract entered into, be considered a contract made in England in accordance with English Law and which shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.
* AG CSU or the contracting Authority participating within this procurement exercise shall not be liable for any costs by those expressing an interest or concern for this contract opportunity.
* NHS England Midlands and East (East) and AG CSU reserve the right at all times acting in their absolute discretion, not to award a contract, to make changes to the structure, format, procedures, CPV codes and timing of the procurement process and to cancel or vary the process in its entirety or any part of it.
1. # Contract value and activity levels have been derived based on the past experience. There is no guarantee that they will remain at these levels in the future. The actual contract value and activity levels may defer during the period of service provision. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)