



PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (ML CSU) on behalf of the Commissioners NHS Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), West Leicestershire CCG, East Leicestershire & Rutland CCG and NHS England would like to inform providers of an upcoming procurement of Wheelchairs, Orthotics and Prosthetics service in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR).

This PIN is with a further call for competition and its purpose is to make the market aware of the CCGs' intent and give providers an opportunity to register their interest. We would like any current providers of similar services, providers who may be interested in providing this service in the future, or other stakeholders to register their interest by completing the attached feedback form and returning this via the Bravo website.

The information and details you provide may be used in any rationale for the tender and service specification content.

Interested providers are guided to complete and submit the feedback through a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ), to be completed and submitted via the MLCSU eProcurement portal Bravo by the stated deadline on the portal.

To do that, candidates need to register on the portal at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>. If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to re-register. Once registered, candidates must express interest by:

- a) logging-in to the Portal, and
- b) selecting response to advert and PQQ (search for reference number pqq_443) and submit by the date specified.

A further advertisement will be published in the next few months of a subsequent market engagement event which will inform the market of the Commissioners more defined plans for the service. This advert will be published on Contracts Finder and on ML CSU's procurement Bravo portal which will be utilised for the tender, we recommend that you register with these in the meantime if you haven't already done so, please see the links below.

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk>

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NOTES

“Light Touch Regime” services

This procurement is for clinical services which are Light Touch Regime services for the purpose of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as specified in Schedule 3 of the Regulations (“Regulations”). Accordingly, the contracting authorities are only bound by those parts of the Regulations detailed in Chapter 3 Particular Procurement Regimes Section 7. The contracting authorities are not voluntarily following any other part of the Regulations.

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The procedure which the contracting authorities are following is set out in the MOI and ITT. As the CCG is a relevant body for the purpose of the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No 2) Regulations 2013 these Regulations also apply to this procurement.

Right to Cancel

The contracting authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time, which shall include the right not to award a contract or contracts, and does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender, or any tender received, and reserves the right to award a contract in part, or to call for new tenders should it consider this necessary. The contracting authority shall not be liable for any costs or expenses incurred by any candidate or tenderer in connection with the completion and return of the information requested in this Contract Notice, or in the completion or submission of any tender, irrespective of the outcome of the competition or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. All dates, time periods and values specified in this notice are provisional and the contracting authority reserves the right to change these.

Transparency

The contracting authority is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and may be required to disclose information received in the course of this procurement under FOIA or the EIR. In addition, and in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, the contracting authority intends to publish procurement documentation and the text of any resulting contractual arrangements, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Any redactions, whether in relation to information requests under FOIA, the EIR or policies on transparency will be in accordance with those grounds prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Further information on transparency can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirements-guidance>

To register on the Bravo portal

If your organisation has registered previously, you do not need to re-register.

- 1) Register on the portal webpage at <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk> (registration and use of the website is free of charge).
- 2) Once registered, candidates must Express their Interest by:
 - a) logging into the ML CSU eTendering Bravo portal
 - b) selecting response to ITT,
 - c) select Open Access ITT,
 - d) search for and access listing related to this contract and view details,
 - e) click on Express Interest link.
- 3) Once you have expressed your interest, please access the My ITTs page, where you can view all the documentation (and download if required) and construct your reply in the bravo online questionnaire, as instructed. The deadline will be detailed in the tender documentation.

For technical support in submitting your Expression of Interest or registering on the 'Bravo Solution' Electronic Sourcing system please contact the Bravo Solution helpdesk via Tel: 0800 069 8630 or email: help@bravosolution.co.uk

All communications from Bidders (including their Bidder Members) during the period of the Procurement must be directed to MLCSU via the 'messaging' area within the ML CSU online procurement portal: <https://mlcsu.bravosolution.co.uk>. Strictly no other forms of communication to MLCSU or the Commissioner will be accepted (including telephone calls, postal queries/submissions, faxes or email communications) during this period.

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