



Summary information for members – Second National Eye Health Survey, Request For Tender (RFT) March 2020

This is a summary of some key elements of the NEHS2 tender for member general information only. The full tender documentation should be utilised by any organisation considering a proposal, and can be accessed [here](#).

Timing

- Critical dates: any enquiries to be made by 9 April 2020, full tender documentation to be submitted electronically by 2.00pm Canberra time on 16 April 2020
- Commencement of services 6 May 2020
- Reporting schedule in Schedule 1 implies that by end January 2021, there will be progress in staff training and field survey, but the RFT timetable in part 4 indicates there may be the option of up to 12 months extension beyond the current proposed contract end date of 30 June 2022, and there are also references to managing the impact of COVID-19 elsewhere in the document.

Enquiries

- Interested parties need to be registered with AusTender to receive any additional information the Department releases in response to questions raised so if you are thinking about applying do [register here](#).

Indigenous Procurement Policy

- Indigenous Procurement Policy applies to this procurement, with tenderers required to detail how they will increase:
 - Purchasing from Indigenous enterprises¹ (being an organisation that is 50% or more Indigenous owned that is operating a business), and
 - Employment of Indigenous Australians, in the delivery of any resultant Contract.

Copy of Indigenous Procurement Policy can be accessed [here](#).

¹ According to documentation, purchases from an Indigenous enterprise may be in the form of engagement of an Indigenous enterprise as a subcontractor, and/or use of Indigenous suppliers in the Tenderer's supply chain.

Services required

Conduct the NEHS2 survey using methodology similar to the 2016 NEHS to enable comparison of the prevalence and major causes of vision impairment and blindness in Australia. Services include but are not limited to:

- Ensure methodology allows comparison of results with the 2016 NEHS.
- Undertake multi-stage, random-cluster sampling of geographic areas to ensure appropriate distribution of metropolitan, regional and remote locations.
- Recruit a sample of participants with similar population characteristics to the 2016 NEHS and that is nationally representative of the Indigenous and non-Indigenous population.
- Use clinical examination to assess the prevalence of conditions including, but not limited to, age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, cataract, optic atrophy and uncorrected refractive error.
- Use optical coherence tomography (OCT) to detect and quantify retinal disease.
- Build secure databases for data entry and storage.
- Produce and publish a full report and summary report.

Tenderers should clearly demonstrate they have established relationships with Aboriginal Health Service Practice Managers to accommodate and meet individual and community needs. Tenderers will be required to work with Vision 2020 Australia, in the development of the survey methodology and conduct of the survey, where appropriate.

The successful Tenderer will be required to obtain ethics approval from general research and Indigenous ethics committees and must ensure that ethics approval arrangements are agreed with the Department.

Expected deliverables

The successful Tenderer must be able to deliver and demonstrate the following:

- Project Plan for approval by the Department
- Risk Management Plan
- Ethics approval for the project
- Sampling and Recruitment Plan describing methods of ensuring coverage of urban, rural and remote areas
- Detailed Project Guide including descriptions of protocols for screening, recruitment, testing and data management
- Eye Examination Guidelines to train staff to conduct recruitment and testing
- Secure databases for data entry, cleaning and storage
- Draft Report, to be submitted to and approved by the Department
- Summary Final Report, published on the Tenderer's website after approval by the Department
- Full Final Report, published on the Tenderer's website after approval by the Department
- Launch Plan for the publication of the final reports
- Biannual Progress Reports, in the form prescribed in tender documentation

The Tenderer must agree to robust governance, oversight and reporting arrangements that are approved by the Department, including appropriate liaison with the Department, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.