

SBRI Healthcare: NHS England competition for development contracts

INVITATION TO TENDER

This Invitation to Tender should be read in conjunction with other documents associated with this competition. These and all associated documents can be downloaded from the SBRI Healthcare website www.sbrihealthcare.co.uk.

Summary

Applicants are invited to tender for projects under the SBRI Healthcare programme to develop technology enabled solutions addressing the challenges outlined in the following categories, further details of which are outlined in the respective competition briefs:

- Faecal and urinary incontinence in frail elderly people
- Minimising the impact of falling
- Addressing functional needs in the elderly

Application Process

All bids should be made using the SBRI Healthcare portal which can be accessed by following the application links via the competition pages of the SBRI Healthcare website www.sbrihealthcare.co.uk.

Details of the background, challenges and expected outcomes of the projects can be found in the Briefs. You are strongly advised to read the Guidance Notes (SBRI_9_002_Guidance) before submitting an application.

SBRI Healthcare competitions are open to all organisations that can demonstrate a route to market for their solution. The SBRI scheme is particularly suited to small and medium-sized business, as the contracts are of relatively small value and operate on short timescales. Developments are 100% funded and focused on specific identified needs, increasing the chance of exploitation. Suppliers for each project will be selected by an open competition process and retain the intellectual property generated from the project, with certain rights of use retained by the NHS. This is an excellent opportunity to establish an early customer for a new technology and to fund its development.

The competition will have two phases. There is total funding available of up to £1million for Phase 1 covering all challenges. Phase 1 is intended to show the technical feasibility of the proposed concept. The development contracts awarded will be for a maximum of 6 months and £100,000 (**inc. VAT**) per project.

Phase 2 contracts are intended to develop and evaluate prototypes or demonstration units from the more promising technologies in Phase 1. Only those projects that have completed Phase 1 successfully will be eligible for Phase 2.

Applicants should state their goals and outline plan for Phase 2, as an explicit part of the path to full commercial implementation, in their Phase 1 proposal.

Briefing events for businesses interested in finding out more about the competition will be held on 18 June (Birmingham) and 25 June (London). Please check the website for confirmation of venues and further details.

Applications must be submitted via the SBRI Healthcare portal which can be accessed by following the application links via the competition pages of the SBRI Healthcare website www.sbrihealthcare.co.uk. The form must be completed and submitted electronically through the online application portal. Only applications received by 1200hrs on 11 August 2015 will be accepted. We strongly advise that you read the accompanying Guidance Notes prior to submission.

PLEASE **DO NOT** SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY POST OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS THAN THROUGH THE PORTAL AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Key dates

Competition launch	15 June 2015
Briefing events	18 & 25 June 2015
Deadline for applications	11 August 2015
Assessment	September / October 2015
Contracts awarded	November 2015
Feedback provided by	December 2015

Assessment process

Applications will be reviewed by a selected panel of experts. It may be that a number of finalists will be requested to attend an interview or provide a demonstration for the panel. Contracts will be awarded shortly thereafter. Feedback to unsuccessful applicants will be given after contracts are awarded.

The assessment criteria will include:

- How well does the proposal address the challenge?
- To what extent does the proposed project have commercial potential to lead to a marketable product, process or service?
- How significant is the competitive advantage which this technology affords over existing/alternate technologies that can meet the market needs?
- How appropriate is the technical approach that will be adopted?
- How sound is the approach of the proposed plan for establishing technical and commercial feasibility?
- Where appropriate, what is the potential of the innovation to support comorbidities and contribute to the development of patient-centred care?
- What is innovative about this project? To what extent does the project develop or employ novel concepts, approaches, methodologies, tools, or technologies for this area?

- To what extent does the company appear to have the right skills and experience to deliver the intended benefits?
- How effectively will the project be managed? The proposal should demonstrate that there is a clear management plan which will enable the resources, including manpower, to be used to maximise high quality research outputs.
- What are the risks (technical, commercial and environmental) to project success? How effectively will these be managed?
- How appropriate is the proposal financially? Is the overall budget realistic and justified in terms of the aims and methods proposed?
- How appropriate are the milestones and evaluation procedures?

Successful applicants will be advised according to the published key dates and companies will be expected to mobilise rapidly to start the project. It is important that Phase 1 Projects start soon after the contract has been issued so that all projects can be assessed fairly and move on to Phase 2 concurrently and smoothly.

Conditions

By applying, companies are automatically consenting to the terms and conditions contained in the Contract.

Documents associated with this competition

- SBRI_9_001_Invitation to Tender
- SBRI_9_002_Guidance
- SBRI_9_003_Sample Application Form
- SBRI_9_004_Sample Contract
- SBRI_9_005_FAQs
- SBRI_9_XX_Briefs (X 3)

Contact Points

Questions and comments are very welcome while the competition is open. Questions **on the challenges and scope of this SBRI Healthcare competition** should be addressed to Health Enterprise East via email: sbrienquiries@hee.co.uk; questions on the overall SBRI programme should be addressed to support@innovateuk.gov.uk. Questions will only be accepted when received through this route. **After 03 August 2015, no new questions will be answered.** In order to streamline the process for this competition, feedback to unsuccessful suppliers may not be available until after the contracts have been awarded. Such feedback will be provided by Health Enterprise East, the programme administrator, on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

For further information on this SBRI Healthcare competition, visit:

www.sbrihealthcare.co.uk

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