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Planning

APHA Courier International Specialist

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

APHA Courier International Specialist

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64120000 - Courier services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Transportation of Category A and Category B samples internationally by a Courier Specialist.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64100000 - Post and courier services
- 33141510 - Blood products
- 64121000 - Multi-modal courier services
- 64113000 - Postal services related to parcels
- 64110000 - Postal services
- 60161000 - Parcel transport services
- 64121200 - Parcel delivery services
- 33141580 - Animal blood
- 60400000 - Air transport services
- 60411000 - Scheduled airmail transport services

- 60421000 - Non-scheduled airmail transport services
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 64121100 - Mail delivery services
- 33698000 - Clinical products
- 33698100 - Microbiological cultures
- 33954000 - Biological evidence collection kits

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Defra Group Commercial intends to publish a tender for International Courier service, tentatively scheduled for March 2025.

The potential supplier will be required to collect and deliver Category A and/or Category B consignments to and from UK addresses and deliver them globally, including to Northern Ireland, Europe, Non-EU countries, and the rest of the world. Special licenses are required, as the transportation involves chilled conditions and the use of dry ice. The supplier must be able to provide import services and also manage the complex customs clearance process.

We may hold a supplier engagement event (details to be confirmed). This event will present our requirements and gather information / feedback from suppliers regarding these requirements. The engagement event will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, which will be answered by the presenters during a Q&A session at the end.

If your organisation is interested in the above tender, please email angelica.ho@defra.gov.uk.

We are requesting all interested to be submitted by 12pm on 14th February 2025. Thank you for your time.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 September 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No