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Planning

## **Supply of Irradiation Indicator Labels**

NHS Blood & Transplant

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0290dc

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NHS Blood & Transplant

North Bristol Park

Filton, Bristol

BS34 7QH

#### **Email**

[marta.drozdowska@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:marta.drozdowska@nhsbt.nhs.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.nhsbt.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk)

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Irradiation Indicator Labels

Reference number

NHSBT1438

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 30199760 - Labels

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

NHSBT would like to consult the market to improve our knowledge of all current offers for the provision of Irradiation Indicator labels to both NHSBT and partner UK blood services. The requirement will include a supply of labels designed to confirm exposure to both Gamma and X Ray radiation sources. Please see part II.2.4 for detailed description.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Please note this is NOT the start of a procurement process. A separate contract notice will be published to cover this requirement.

Prior to commencing the formal procurement process, and to help inform our strategy, NHSBT would like to consult the market to improve our knowledge of all current offers available in the market place, identify further opportunities and potential issues, as well as gauge market interest in the proposed service.

NHSBT is seeking to engage with suppliers on the market who can provide a solution compliant with requirements as set out below:

- The primary requirement is for the label to positively inform either through colour change or an alternative technology solution that exposure to either a Gamma or X Ray source operating at a range of 25Gy to 50Gy has been received.
- The label activation must be verifiable by the human eye and able to be interpreted without any additional instrumentation or processes.
- The NHSBT requirement approximates delivery in the region of 360,000 indicator labels per year to 13 sites. These numbers are indicative. More precise figures including the breakdown of Gamma to X Ray will be advised.
- Label adhesive must be tested and approved for medical application.

NHSBT will consider either a single label solution which informs on exposure to either an X Ray or Gamma source, or a separate label solution where sites receive specific labels dependent of the type of irradiator in use. The label must clearly indicate the dose type it

is manufactured to report.

Prospective suppliers will be invited to an engagement day in March 2021 (Teams/Zoom call due to COVID restrictions) where the requirements can be discussed further. Information gained from this exercise will be used to inform production of a detailed specification and subsequent advertisement through the FTS route. Interested organisations are requested to send an expression of interest via email to [Marta.Drozdowska@nhsbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Marta.Drozdowska@nhsbt.nhs.uk) by no later than 17:00 hrs (GMT) on 9th March 2021.

If you do not respond by this date you aren't excluded from taking part in the forthcoming tender, this date is to allow for supplier engagement to be organised.

Further information (e.g. the draft technical specification, award criteria, timescales etc) may be released, for consultation purposes only, to organisations who express an interest.

Please note that all details are subject to change.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

17 May 2021

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## **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: Yes