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## **Premarket engagement for microbiology automation, including automated blood culture, microbial identification and susceptibility testing systems**

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service on behalf Belfast, Northern, Southern, South Eastern, Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

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

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

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service on behalf Belfast, Northern, Southern, South Eastern, Western Health and Social Care Trust and the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Supplies Centre, Gransha Hospital, Clooney Road

Derry

BT47 6YZ

#### **Email**

[Palsgransha.sourcing@hscni.net](mailto:Palsgransha.sourcing@hscni.net)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Premarket engagement for microbiology automation, including automated blood culture, microbial identification and susceptibility testing systems

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

- 33124100 - Diagnostic devices

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

Supplies

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

This is a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to seek engagement with the market place on behalf of Health and Social Care for Northern Ireland to obtain a view of the market's ability to assist with middleware solutions for microbiology automation, including automated blood culture, microbial identification and susceptibility testing systems.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 33124110 - Diagnostic systems
- 33124130 - Diagnostic supplies
- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits
- 38434000 - Analysers
- 33696000 - Reagents and contrast media

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents
- 33696300 - Chemical reagents
- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

BSO PaLS on behalf of HSCNI is inviting suppliers to participate in a market engagement session for middleware solutions for: Automated Blood Culturing Systems, Maldi-Tof Automated Identification Systems, Automated Antibiotic Identification & Sensitivity Testing Systems, Automated plate streakers, Smart Incubators, Smart sorting of plates for reading, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Imaging system for reading plates. The information session will be an opportunity for suppliers to present to a panel of Microbiologists. Suppliers who meet the participation requirements will be invited to a market engagement session. At this session, presenters will be required to: a) Provide an oral presentation on their middleware solution; and b) respond to questions or clarifications from those in attendance following the presentation. Please note that participation in this session will be limited based on technical capacity to supply a) all the equipment outlined above and b) a middleware solution that is compatible with all listed equipment. The Client also has limited capacity to facilitate market engagement; therefore, places will be restricted and it may not be possible to accommodate all interested suppliers.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The oral presentation will be scheduled to last approximately 20 minutes per presenting organisation. The expected outcome of this engagement is a clear understanding of middleware functionality. The presentation should include, but is not limited to, the following: middleware architecture and how each piece of equipment interacts with the middleware; data processing, exchange, reporting and analysis capabilities; data storage and QC data for images; connectivity capabilities to during Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS); and, contingency for operation during LIMS downtime. The market

engagement session will be held on Tuesday 18th February. Suppliers interested in participating are required to register by contacting [palsgransha.sourcing@hscni.net](mailto:palsgransha.sourcing@hscni.net) no later than 31st January 2025 at 12:00. Please include your organisation's name and contact details in your email. The session will be held face-to-face at Procurement and Logistics Service, Supplies Centre, Gransha Hospital, Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 6YZ.

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

31 May 2025

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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