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Future opportunity

Lateral Flow Testing Kits

Department of Health and Social Care

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

Contact

Test & Trace - DHSC

Email

TTprocurement@dhsc.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Lateral Flow Testing Kits

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Lateral flow tests are effective at detecting infectious cases of coronavirus, thereby identifying people with a high viral load who are the most likely to spread the virus further. Hundreds of thousands of Lateral Flow Tests are being carried out every day, with the majority taking place at dedicated tests sites for people without symptoms, in order to detect more and more cases of COVID-19 and break chains of transmission. So far, tens of thousands of cases have already been detected using these tests. The DHSC anticipates that self-testing may cover a relevant role in the Mass Testing strategy, to support individuals preserving their health and self-isolating, when required, to stop the spread of the virus.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33124100 - Diagnostic devices

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The exact form of the Procurement will be disclosed at the point of the Contract Notice. As part of national measures to deal with the covid-19 pandemic, DHSC has an ongoing requirement for the supply of substantial volumes of Lateral Flow Testing Kits. It is anticipated that DHSC will be procuring significant volumes over Q1 and/or Q2 2021. The volumes and associated values are to be confirmed in subsequent contract notices. Please note that any Lateral Flow Test must undergo a Validation process performed at Public Health England, Porton Down. Please find more details at the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessment-and-procurement-of-coronavirus-covid-19-tests/protocol-for-evaluation-of-rapid-diagnostic-assays-for-specific-sars-cov-2-antigens-lateral-flow-devices> DHSC Procurements are typically run through the Atamis e-Sourcing platform. Should you wish to participate to any upcoming Procurements, you may wish to register your bidding entity at the following website: <http://health.atamis.co.uk>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 February 2021

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