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Planning

DNA Parentage Testing Service

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03b083

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

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

Social protection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DNA Parentage Testing Service

Reference number

Project_25693

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The provision of DNA Parentage Testing

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85121200 - Medical specialist services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The authority is seeking a supplier capable of providing a DNA Parentage Testing Service.

The overarching qualifying standards set for this opportunity are:

- To be accredited by the Ministry of Justice as a body that may carry out parentage tests directed by the civil courts in England and Wales under section 20 of the Family Law Reform Act 1969.
- To be registered as DNA gatekeeper - having the ability to submit profiles to the National DNA database in order to secure evidence which supports criminal prosecutions.
- Comply with the Human Tissue Act 2004, the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Human Tissue Authority's Code of Practice on Consent.
- Comply with the Department of Health's Good Practice Guide on Paternity Services and the Data Protection Act.

II.2.14) Additional information

We are hosting a virtual Supplier Engagement Event on Tuesday 28th March 2023 to provide an in-depth overview of our requirements.

If you are interested, please email robert.loftus1@dwp.gov.uk and we will issue out the meeting invitation and further details.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 May 2023

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