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Planning

## **Drugs of Abuse and Wider Point of Care Testing**

NHS Shared Business Services Ltd (NHS SBS)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-007215

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02a3a0

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

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

NHS Shared Business Services Ltd (NHS SBS)

Halyard Court, 31 Broadway, The Quays

M50 2UW

Salford

#### **Contact**

Sarah Findlay

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

05280446

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.sbs.nhs.uk/>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=37409&B=NHSSBS](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=37409&B=NHSSBS)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Other type

Joint Venture between Department of Health and Sopra Steria

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Drugs of Abuse and Wider Point of Care Testing

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

Services

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

NHS SBS is looking to expand the scope of their current Point of Care Testing: Drugs of Abuse framework agreement to include the below potential areas –

- Rapid Drug Testing (oral, urine and hair)
- Pandemic Testing (Antigen & Antibody)
- Family Law Services including DNA Testing
- Blood Born Virus Testing
- Blood Spot Drug & Alcohol testing
- Alcohol Testing Devices, including Breath Analysers, Continuous Monitoring (SCRAM) and Associated Consumables
- Confirmation/Classification Testing/Screening of Non-Negative Samples
- Operational Outsourcing of Services

NHS SBS are open to expanding this scope further, suppliers should complete the RFI with their suggestions.

Innovation will continue to be a key focus of the framework agreement, awarded suppliers will have the option to add innovative products/services to the framework throughout the duration of the Agreement.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £280,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 33124131 - Reagent strips
- 33696200 - Blood-testing reagents
- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents
- 38434000 - Analysers
- 38434520 - Blood analysers
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring
- 38544000 - Drug detection apparatus

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

M50 2UW

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

Prior Information Notice (PIN) for Drugs of Abuse and Wider Point of Care Testing framework agreement. NHS Shared Business Services (NHS SBS) are consulting on a proposal to tender for the provision of Drugs of Abuse and Wider Point of Care Testing to support NHS Organisations and the wider public sector to replace the existing framework agreement which will expire in December 2021.

To help define and develop our national procurement strategy and help in the development of our service specification to meet the needs of NHS Organisations and

wider Public Sectors, NHS SBS are engaging with potential providers prior to the release of any official tender documents.

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

1 September 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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

An expression of interest in the Drugs of Abuse and Wider Point of Care Testing PIN is not a tender response. An expression of interest is no indication of a commitment to participate in the tender nor does it infer any special status on those providers who do submit interest. Potential providers who do not express an interest will still be able to apply in the future. This expression of interest does not commit the NHS SBS to undertake the procurement.

Suppliers should complete the RFI and send this to [sarah\\_findlay@nhs.net](mailto:sarah_findlay@nhs.net) to register their interest by 10th May 2021 at 12pm.