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## **RFI NHSE Covid-19 Vaccination Programme Distribution**

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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

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

NHS England

Cardinal Square

Derby

DE1 3QT

#### **Email**

[agem.procurementeastmids@nhs.net](mailto:agem.procurementeastmids@nhs.net)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **National registration number**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/68205>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/Documents/Folder/28982>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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**

RFI NHSE Covid-19 Vaccination Programme Distribution

Reference number

NHSE Vacc RFI

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

- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services

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

Services

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

NHS England (hereafter “the Authority”) is seeking to gather information and feedback from the Medicines Wholesale distribution market, as recognised experts, to gauge its future logistics and distribution strategy for COVID-19 vaccines. The next phase of the Vaccination Programme needs to consider approaches for the warehousing and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and consider whether a future COVID-19 vaccines distribution model could be aligned to the current model for the distribution of seasonal influenza vaccines.

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

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 42965100 - Warehouse management system
- 63121100 - Storage services

- 42965110 - Depot system
- 64121200 - Parcel delivery services
- 48430000 - Inventory management software package
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 79991000 - Stock-control services
- 60180000 - Hire of goods-transport vehicles with driver
- 63122000 - Warehousing services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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The COVID-19 vaccination programme is being led by science in determining the need (if any) for Autumn booster vaccines; any distribution and warehousing model would therefore be dependent on the outcome of such scientific and policy decisions. The current distribution model, established in late 2020, utilises appropriately licenced Specialist Pharmaceutical Logistics providers because of their geographic reach and special handling expertise, including the ability to manage cold chain products and “pack down” under their Manufacturing Licenses where required. However, as the initial phases of the COVID-19 vaccination programme come to an end, the Authority is seeking insight from the market to aid the Authority in developing an optimal working model for the on-going Warehousing and Distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. It is expected, but not confirmed, that the Authority would wish to re-procure Specialist Logistics Providers to support future vaccination programmes.

Therefore, the Authority is, by way of this prior information notice, seeking Expressions of Interest from suppliers who may wish to participate in the Distribution and Warehousing of COVID-19 Vaccinations in England. The purpose of this Expression of Interest is: -

1. To gather market intelligence on the market's capability and capacity to manage

vaccines and distribute to designated sites within England; and

2. To request feedback that will help the Authority in the future design of its response to the on-going delivery of Covid-19 Vaccines.

Therefore, suppliers are kindly requested to read the instructions in Section 5 and provide as much information as they are able to by 5pm on the 16th April 2021.

If you wish to submit an RFI, please register on the EU Supply Portal <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp>. The reference for this RFI is Quote/tender 44068 - RFI for NHSE Covid-19 Vaccination Programme Distribution, where you will also find the pertaining documentation.

Following receipt of the responses, the Authority intends to commence a procurement during the course of the next 3 months. The invitation to tender will be the subject of a separate notice and it is that notice to which potential suppliers will need to respond at the appropriate time.

Please note this is not a PQQ, this is pre-tender market engagement questionnaire. Economic operators submitting this questionnaire will neither be assessed or down selected based on the content of their response. The responses to the RFI received will not be used for evaluation purposes for any subsequent procurement.

Whilst it is anticipated that expenditure under any forthcoming procurement will be in the region of £40,000,000 GBP for this contract award, this is approximate only at this stage and is based on the Authority extending the term of the agreement(s) from 6 months to a total of 18 months.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

18

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

**II.2.14) Additional information**

This is a request for information only at this stage, evaluation/award criteria will not be applied. Any future tenders for this service will have criteria applied and that criteria will be published in tender documentation provided

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 April 2021

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 April 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit

Derby

DE1 3QT

Country

United Kingdom