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Planning

## **Provision of a Laboratory Service for Testing of Drugs of Abuse/Misuse**

Department for Transport

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

Department for Transport

Swansea

SA6 7JL

#### **Email**

[Shareen.Gelstharp@dvla.gov.uk](mailto:Shareen.Gelstharp@dvla.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKL - Wales

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-agency>

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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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

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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

National or federal Agency/Office

### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of a Laboratory Service for Testing of Drugs of Abuse/Misuse

Reference number

PS/23/163

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

Services

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

DVLA requires a contract for the provision of Laboratory Services which will deliver urine drug screening and confirmation services accurately and confidentially to support the decision-making process within Drivers Medical Group (DMG).

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

The Authority requires a contract which will deliver urine drug screening and confirmation services to assist the Authority in determining a drivers medical fitness to hold a driving licence.

The successful supplier must be capable of accurately and confidentially carrying out both initial screening and confirmation testing services which will provide national coverage

throughout Great Britain.

The Contractor/ Supplier will be required to transport samples from Franchise Doctors across Great Britain to the Contractor's/Supplier's nominated laboratory/laboratories for analysis.

Monitoring, collating and feeding back trend analysis data would be advantageous, in particular on drugs below cut offs, which when combined, could result in impairment.

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

11 October 2024

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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

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to forewarn interested service providers of this requirement and highlight that we plan to hold a Supplier Day for the purpose of market sounding and to enable DVLA to describe and develop our proposed requirements.

The virtual Supplier Day has been scheduled for the 17th & 18th April 2024 and will be held via MS Teams.

Interested service providers must express their interest via e-mail to:-

[shareen.gelstharp@dvla.gov.uk](mailto:shareen.gelstharp@dvla.gov.uk)

&

[mandy.hodgson@dvla.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.hodgson@dvla.gov.uk)

By 12:00pm on Friday 22nd March 2024 quoting reference PS/23/163 - Provision of Laboratory Services for testing of drugs of abuse/misuse.

Following the Supplier Day, DVLA will form a strategy and anticipates commencing a procurement exercise with the publication of a finder tender service and a contract finder notice.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended.

Swansea

Country

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