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Planning

DHSC International Freight and Logistics Solutions

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

Email

InternationalFreightProcurement@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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

DHSC International Freight and Logistics Solutions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The contracting authority currently intends to tender a procurement for the provision of international freight and logistics services for medical products.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £382,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 63000000 - Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agencies services
- 63521000 - Freight transport agency services
- 60200000 - Railway transport services
- 60423000 - Air-charter services
- 60400000 - Air transport services

- 63122000 - Warehousing services
- 63120000 - Storage and warehousing services
- 60600000 - Water transport services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

DHSC intends to run a procurement to source International Freight and Logistics services for medical products (including for example Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test kits and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)). The current intention is that the procurement will include contract award, rather than a framework, for the provision of the following high-level services:- Air Charter services- Rail freight services*- Sea freight services*- Warehousing services*These will be managed end-to-end services. This may include (but is not limited to) provision of ground transport for collection from origin and delivery to final destination, ground handling and customs brokerage.The proposed contracting periods for the high-level services detailed above are 12 months, with the option for the Authority to extend for a further 12 months. The estimated total value of these contracts across the full duration of the contracts is £382,000,000. Further detail on the likely split of this value between the lots is envisaged to be provided during market engagement but will be confirmed at the point any formal procurement is launched. Note that this value is an estimate and is based on current understanding of requirements and market conditions and may be subject to change.This notice is a Prior Information Notice and does not constitute a call for competition. The Department will aim to publish a contract notice (invitation to tender) on the Find a Tender Service (FTS) from the end of May 2021, but such timescale may be extended as a result of market engagement and any further scoping requirements.The intended international freight and logistics tender will be performed through the online application, Atamis Procurement Software.Suppliers are encouraged, if they have not done so already, to register as quickly as possible with Atamis to ensure access to the tender documentation and the instructions for completion upon FTS publication. Prior to the proposed publication of a contract notice, the Department is seeking to engage with the market.If suppliers are interested in participating in the market engagement activities, they should register interest by emailing: InternationalFreightProcurement@dhsc.gov.uk. To guarantee that suppliers have access to market engagement event details in advance of the event, suppliers should register interest by no later than 16:00 on Friday 7th May 2021. For suppliers registering interest after this date, the department will endeavour to ensure suppliers have access to market engagement events.Details of the specific market engagement sessions will be provided via email to those suppliers that register their interest.

II.2.14) Additional information

The contracting authority intends to use the Department of Health and Social Care Atamis eTendering system to manage the tender. Information relating to the tender is available within Atamis. Select this link to access the Atamis system <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 May 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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