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## **Pre-Market Engagement for Healthcare Waste**

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Pre-Market Engagement for Healthcare Waste

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

- 90524200 - Clinical-waste disposal services

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

Services

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

This is a prior information notice to seek engagement with the market place to understand the market structure and ascertain how suppliers can provide a high quality, cost effective Healthcare Waste service to public bodies within Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland and to establish how market ready service suppliers currently are.

Healthcare Waste (Clinical Waste) is defined as “waste from a healthcare activity (from medical, nursing, dental, veterinary, pharmaceutical or similar practice, investigation, treatment, care, teaching or research) that—

(a) Contains viable micro-organisms or their toxins which are known or reliably believed to cause disease in humans or other living organisms;

(b) contains or is contaminated with drugs or medicine that contains a biologically active pharmaceutical agent; or

(c) is a sharp, swab or dressing, or a body fluid or other biological material (including human and animal tissue) containing or contaminated with a dangerous substance within the meaning of Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, and waste of a similar nature from a non-healthcare activity”

as stated within The Controlled Waste and Duty of Care Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

The Clients also wish to understand the feasibility of separating the collection and transportation of the waste from the treatment and disposal/recycling/recovery service

elements.

Potential tenderers for any Section of the Healthcare Waste service will need to register their business on the website [www.eTendersNI.gov.uk](http://www.eTendersNI.gov.uk). Go to the 'Suppliers new to eTendersNI' section and follow the registration process. Potential tenderers will be required to register against the relevant CPV codes applicable to them to ensure they receive email alerts regarding specific areas of interest. If already registered potential tenderers should review their contact details to ensure the information is up to date. Assistance is available from eTendersNI Helpdesk, telephone number: 08002404545. Please see II.2.4 for further details

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 90524100 - Clinical-waste collection services
- 90524400 - Collection, transport and disposal of hospital waste
- 90520000 - Radioactive-, toxic-, medical- and hazardous waste services
- 90513000 - Non-hazardous refuse and waste treatment and disposal services
- 90510000 - Refuse disposal and treatment
- 90500000 - Refuse and waste related services
- 90524300 - Removal services of biological waste
- 90524000 - Medical waste services
- 42320000 - Waste incinerators
- 45232470 - Waste transfer station
- 42914000 - Recycling equipment
- 90514000 - Refuse recycling services
- 90511000 - Refuse collection services
- 33141123 - Sharps containers
- 34144511 - Refuse-collection vehicles

- 90533000 - Waste-tip management services
- 90523000 - Toxic waste disposal services except radioactive waste and contaminated soil
- 90513300 - Refuse incineration services
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 90512000 - Refuse transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

This is a prior information notice to seek engagement with the market place to understand the market structure and ascertain how suppliers can assist with a high quality, cost effective Healthcare Waste service to public bodies within Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland in compliance with all relevant legislation. Currently the service covers two Healthcare Waste types: waste suitable for disposal by alternative treatment (AT) and waste suitable for incineration/high temperature incineration only (HTI). The supplier engagement will assist the Clients in understanding the services available for the various Healthcare Waste types including the feasibility of separating the collection and transportation of the waste from the treatment and disposal/recycling/recovery service elements and to establish how market ready service suppliers currently are.

The bulk collection of waste is currently required on either a daily or weekly basis from a range of designated facilities across the region. The service currently provided includes the provision and maintenance of suitable UN approved wheeled bins.

It is envisaged that the principles of the disposal/recycling/recovery service elements will reflect the Best Practicable Environmental Option to ensure the highest environmental and health and safety standards in support of the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy. Emphasis will be placed on the recovery of recyclable materials and energy recovery from the non-recyclable element with the aim of a minimum/zero volume of treated waste sent to landfill.

In terms of current waste volumes approximately 6,000 tonnes of waste is produced per annum and approximately 90% of this waste is of a type suitable for non-burn/alternative treatment technology with the remainder requiring incineration.

To this end, BSO Procurement and Logistics Service (PaLS) wish to engage with potential suppliers on behalf of Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland to obtain a market view

of the potential requirements through the eTendersNI secure messaging area of this Call for Tender (CfT).

All correspondence in relation to this pre-market engagement exercise will be communicated via the secure eTendersNI messaging area. Suppliers should refer to the pre-market engagement document located within the CfT. Suppliers will be required to return answers to Appendix 4 — Further Supplier Engagement Options and Appendix 5 — Supplier Questionnaire and any comments no later than 15:00 hours 27 May 2021.

The second stage of the pre-market engagement exercise may take the format of individual telephone calls, communication via email or supplier engagement Zoom meetings which, if required, it is envisaged will take place week commencing 14 June 2021. All participating suppliers will be contacted with further details week commencing 07 June 2021. Interested Suppliers are required to complete Appendix 4 - Further Supplier Engagement Options to confirm which (if any) method of further supplier engagement in which they would be prepared to participate.

Following the second stage, a procurement tendering exercise will be undertaken, through notification on Find a Tender Service (FTS), which is anticipated to commence in August 2021 (date to be confirmed). Non-participation in this supplier engagement process does not preclude any suppliers from participating in the procurement tendering process.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Waste Types which may be included (1) Healthcare offensive - example PPE not contaminated, sterilised lab waste - non hazardous waste - European Waste Code (EWC) 18 01 04. (2) Municipal offensive - example sanitary waste, nappies, pads - non hazardous waste - EWC 20 01 99. (3) Plaster and similar waste - example dentists, fracture clinics, amalgam waste - non hazardous waste - EWC 18 01 04 and 18 01 10 (4) Cytotoxic and cytostatic - example pharmaceuticals including sharps - hazardous waste - EWC 18 01 08 and 18 01 03. (5) Anatomical - example identifiable body parts, teeth - hazardous waste - EWC 18 01 03 and 18 01 02 (6) Infectious clinical - example dressings, contaminated consumables including sharps - hazardous waste - EWC 18 01 03 and 18 01 06

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

24 August 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**

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English.  
Suppliers will be required to return Appendix 4 - Further Supplier Engagement Options and Appendix 5 – Supplier Questionnaire and any comments NO LATER THAN 15:00 hours on 27 May 2021.