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Planning

Express Freight Service

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

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

Express Freight Service

Reference number

C33038

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a PIN notice for a market engagement exercise for the re-procurement of the Express Freight Service with global reach and capability for health care products. This service will replace the current Express Freight Solutions which are due to expire on the 31 October 2021.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60423000 - Air-charter services
- 63521000 - Freight transport agency services
- 60100000 - Road transport services
- 60161000 - Parcel transport services
- 60600000 - Water transport services
- 60420000 - Non-scheduled air transport services
- 60421000 - Non-scheduled airmail transport services
- 60140000 - Non-scheduled passenger transport
- 64000000 - Postal and telecommunications services
- 64121000 - Multi-modal courier services
- 64120000 - Courier services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

National UK, Europe and rest of the world

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Express Freight Service (EFS) forms part of the Department of Health and Social Care's (DHSC's) National Supply Disruption Response, which is part of the multi-layered approach to help mitigate the impact of disruption to supply of medicines and medical products. The EFS is set up to be used by DHSC's third party suppliers only in the event where the supplier's own contingency measures fail. Suppliers are billed directly by the service provider for use of this freight service. The EFS was originally designed to help mitigate disruption in the event of a no deal exit from the EU and has since been used as part of COVID 19 response arrangements. It is therefore DHSC's intention to re procure a similar service to ensure continued contingency. The new logistics solution has been redesigned to incorporate all three separate services under the current solution (Parcels, Pallets and Specials) into one agile solution. The key elements of the new service will include: -- continuity of flow to and from the UK (mainly from Europe but with capability to extend its reach globally).- flexibility & responsiveness - value for money. The DHSC would like to engage with the market regarding this. The service has to be operational by the 24th October 2021. To note: The stated contract value is an estimated cost of mobilisation and the projected total management fee payable by the Authority for the duration of the contract. This cost does not include payments that will be made directly by suppliers for use of the express delivery network.

II.2.14) Additional information

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to inform the market operators of a market engagement event which the Authority intends to host related to the procurement of the service as described in II.2.4). The intention is to engage with suppliers to understand market capability and capacity to deliver the requirement and potential providers views on the initial information provided.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 July 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

The Department will be holding a market engagement event via webinar. This event will take place on the 14 June 2021 at 12:30pm – 2pm. The purpose of the event is to give the market a broad indication of the opportunity which the Authority intends to offer and to receive feedback from the market as to the Authority's proposed strategy to procure this service. Any draft documents that are shared through the market engagement are still in draft form and currently under development. As such, they may contain errors and positions may change. The Authority reserves the right to amend the documents when any formal procurement is launched and shall not be bound by any positions set out in any draft documents. However, the Contracting Authority is sharing these draft documents in good faith so genuine views on how this requirement can be delivered can be sought from the market. Information given during the events will be made accessible to all interested suppliers, including those unable to attend the event, in due course. How to register. 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. Service providers interested in attending the engagement event should respond through the eSourcing tool Atamis by selecting this link to access <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. To ensure that suppliers have received the event details in advance, suppliers should register interest by 4pm on 11 June 2021. Click on the URL, select 'Find Opportunities' and locate 'CC33038' hit register interest. When expressing an interest, service providers should provide:(i) the contact details of the supplier's representative;(ii) (ii) a single paragraph summary of the organisations experience including whether they are a Small to Medium sized Enterprise or Voluntary Sector Organisations. Transparency: Potential suppliers should note that, in accordance with Government's policies on transparency, the Department intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document, and the text of any Contract awarded, subject to possible redaction at the discretion of the Department. Further information on transparency can be found at: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/content/transparencyoverview>. This notice is for information only, and the Department reserves the right to discontinue the proposed tendering process and not award the contract. The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of the Department's requirements, the service classification of this requirement or the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of the Department's current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding. The Department reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notices or at any other time. The publication of this notice in no way obliges the Department to commence with any competitive tender process. The Department is not and shall not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing any interest in participating in the market consultation exercise advertised in this notice.