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Planning

Provision of Veterinary Services (Imported Food Office) on behalf of the London Borough of Hillingdon

London Borough of Hillingdon

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Scope

Description

The London Borough of Hillingdon (Hillingdon) manages imported food and feed controls at London Heathrow Airport's Imported Food Office (IFO). They oversee import controls on non-animal origin products and fishery products, and issue export certifications for various products leaving the UK.

Legislation mandates that Products of Animal Origin (POAO) enter the UK only through approved Border Control Posts (BCP). The BCP at Heathrow is approved for both human and non-human consumption products, handling items such like fishery products, meat, honey, blood products, semen, and hunting trophies.

Hillingdon seeks an Official Veterinary Surgeons (OVS) provider to monitor BCP operations and conduct veterinary checks on POAO. The OVS must be members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and will work exclusively at the IFO, also assisting with export certification when needed.

Therefore, Hillingdon would like to invite interested suppliers to participate in a pre market engagement virtual event on Wednesday 30th April in preparation for the procurement

opportunity for Hillingdon (provision of veterinary services).

This session will provide an opportunity for interested suppliers to understand the chosen service model and service requirements, whilst having the opportunity to offer views and comments, helping to ensure that the proposed approach is clear, achievable, and aligned with Hillingdon's requirements.

This virtual event seeks to engage with the market and include details of the service as well as supporting transparency, engagement, allowing interested suppliers to seek clarification, share insights, and prepare for the forthcoming tender process.

This event will be held via MS Teams:

Wednesday 30th April 2025 from 10.00am - 1.30pm

Please register your interest in this event by Friday 25th April 2025 (12pm) please email: procurement@hillingdon.gov.uk with 'Pre Market Engagement- LB - Veterinary Services' in the email subject.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85200000 - Veterinary services

Contract locations

- UKI74 - Harrow and Hillingdon

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 April 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

9 May 2025

Contracting authority

London Borough of Hillingdon

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

