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Planning

Mobile Fuel Analysers

H M Revenue & Customs

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://hmrc.sourcing-eu.ariba.com/ad/selfRegistration>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/about/procurement>

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<http://hmrc.sourcing-eu.ariba.com/ad/selfRegistration>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Mobile Fuel Analysers

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

HMRC is responsible for the administration and collection of over £780 billion of revenue every year. One of the key sources of revenue collection for which the organisation is responsible is duty on road fuels, which in 2022 exceeded £24 billion.

HMRC Oils Policy is designed to reduce the level of fraud in the fuels sector by focussing on large-scale criminal and commercial misuse by combining law enforcement action with more control of the sale and distribution of rebated fuels.

This policy is enforced in part by 8 Mobile Enforcement Units (METs) located throughout the UK. These teams are responsible for detecting and deterring oils fraud by, for example, testing the fuel in road vehicles, fuel retail stations and stock tanks.

To test fuel MET use, HMRC has converted vans into laboratory workspaces. These workspaces contain fuel testing equipment ranging from simple chemical reactive tests to Gas Chromatography.

In January 2024 an additional marker was added to rebated fuel. This marker is known under its trade name as Accutrace Plus.

To support HMRC's analysis HMRC capabilities, we are looking for a supplier who can provide an analysis product which can be deployed in a mobile setting (i.e. in the back of a van) and detect and if possible quantify :

- butoxy benzene (butyl phenyl ether) in fuels (primarily diesel and kerosene) marked at a minimum concentration of 9.5 milligram per litre (Accutrace Plus).

A system which can also detect Accutrace S10 (details below) preferably in the same test would be desirable.

- ((3-(sec-butyl)-4-(decyloxy)phenyl)methanetriyl)tribenzene in fuels (primarily diesel and kerosene) marked at a minimum concentration of 2.5 milligram per litre (Accutrace S10).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This PIN is an update from the previous PIN published last year which can be accessed by searching for this title: MET Accutrace Plus Analysers SR1491239887 - Find a Tender (find-tender.service.gov.uk).

HMRC is planning to formally compete our requirement via the Open procedure towards the end of May 2024. As part of the evaluation process, it will be necessary to carry out tests on a working version of the analyser to provide assurance of its ability to meet HMRC's performance standards in a mobile setting. Therefore, although a phased approach to the introduction of the analysers may be agreed between the Authority and the successful bidder post award, bidders will need to be able to provide a working example for testing during the evaluation period.

Interested suppliers should note that they will be required to provide a mobile testing unit to HMRC at Belfast for testing early June 2024 (according to current tender timescales which may change dependent on the final Call for Competition PIN which will be issued shortly in advance of the tender being published). Testing of this unit will form part of the evaluation that will inform the tender award. An additional written proposal, cost model and social value response is also anticipated to be required.

Specific delivery dates will be arranged and agreed direct with suppliers who respond to HMRC's future Call for Competition PIN regarding this requirement in due course.

This PIN is to provide the market with an updated advance notice of HMRC's intentions around our future procurement. If you wish to contact HMRC prior to the formal tender being published, and you have not already responded to the previous PIN issued, please contact Cat Moore at catherine.moore3@hmrc.gov.uk to register your interest.

You will be required to register for a HMRC SAP Ariba account to take part in HMRC's tender. To register for an HMRC SAP Ariba account please follow the link below in full. Please note that to access HMRC's version of SAP Ariba for the first time you must enter via the below link regardless of whether you have an existing account for the wider SAP Ariba procurement network.

<http://hmrc.sourcing-eu.ariba.com/ad/selfRegistration>

If you require further assistance while attempting to register for an account on HMRC's instance of SAP Ariba please email sapariba.hmrcsupport@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk. This team can also advise if there is an existing HMRC SAP Ariba account already created for your organisation. As policy, we do not allow for the same supplier to hold multiple Accounts

Once you have obtained your account ID (AN) number, please email Ben Leath at ben.leath@hmrc.gov.uk with the ANID number and the main email address linked to your account.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 May 2024

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: No