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Planning

C253996 DHSC NHS Human Leucocyte Antigen Typing – Advanced Rapid High Resolution

Department of Health and Social Care

F01: Prior information notice

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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

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

C253996 DHSC NHS Human Leucocyte Antigen Typing – Advanced Rapid High Resolution

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a PIN to alert industry suppliers of an upcoming Market Engagement Event held by The Department of Health and Social Care. This is to gain insight into the future role of Technology within Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (H&I) and to understand whether suppliers are currently doing this or developing. This information will be used to inform Ministers.

This PIN may result in a future procurement for the Provision of HLA typing assays that can produce an HLA type to the 2nd field (minimum) within a 4 hour period. The assay may not be currently available but should be implementable within a five to ten year time frame.

At this time we have no commitment to spend, this is an activity to scope the market only and if a future advert is issued for contract, the value is TBC

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85100000 - Health services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories
- 85148000 - Medical analysis services
- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 85111810 - Blood analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department of Health and Social Care is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform the market of an early market engagement exercise, available to any organisations which have expertise in the provision of HLA typing assays for the purposes of clinical use in organ transplantation.

The purpose of the exercise is to inform the Implementation Steering Group for Organ Utilisation (ISOU) Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics Sub-Group about the future direction and capabilities of assays which produce a high resolution HLA type of organ donors for transplantation purposes. This information will then be used to form recommendations within the ISOU framework and guide the future direction of HLA typing of organ donors in the UK.

This exercise seeks to engage with the market to enable the ISOU subgroup to:

Primary Requirement:

1. Understand the commercial assays capable of rapidly producing a type for HLA-A,B,C,DRB1/3/4/5, DQB1, DQA1, DPB1, DPA1 with a resolution of 2nd field (minimum). Currently the timeframe allocated for deceased donor typing is set at 4 hours, however this timeframe may be slightly relaxed in future, if for example a slightly longer timeframe produces a higher resolution type or clinically relevant information extending beyond the HLA loci is obtained.

The ISOU subgroup seeks to understand the assays and technologies which are currently available or will be brought to market in timeframe of 5 years which can fulfil the above remit.

Secondary Requirements:

2. Availability of IT solutions for direct transfer of donor HLA typing results, including the

use of Histoimmunogenetics Markup Language (HML) where appropriate, which would support the primary requirement.

3. Demonstrate compliance with in vitro diagnostic medical devices regulations (IVDR) for typing assays and software as required.

4. Indicate if typing beyond the HLA loci is being considered / developed with the capabilities of assays designed for rapid high resolution HLA typing. e.g. inclusion of HNA or MICA typing.

Market Engagement Event will take place virtually on Friday 5th July.

Please register your interest here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?origin=NeoPortalPage&subpage=design&id=MlwnYaiRMUyMH-9N6Jc6HKivt47gT7xImJJTGvOq68xUMIJaVEpUUzdCNzczWkxGUkQ2TTFGQVdSOC4u>

Please register your interest no later than 17:00 31st May

NOTE: For avoidance of doubt this is not a call for competition, the purpose is to advise the market on the forthcoming DHSC procurement and seek feedback from the market that may inform the final specification and/or procurement approach to the services. This market engagement process does not form part of the formal procurement process. When the formal procurement process commences any supplier may join the competition and all supplier Tenders will be evaluated on the same basis. The contractual opportunity will be available in the future via DHSC Atamis eTendering System.

You can select this link to access and register your organisation to the Atamis system <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, if you have not already done so.

II.2.14) Additional information

NOTE: For avoidance of doubt this is not a call for competition, the purpose of this is to engage with the market and seek feedback that may inform a specification and/or procurement approach, should this result a a procurement.

You may wish to access and register your organisation to our procurement platform on our Atamis system <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>, if you have not already done so.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 August 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: Yes