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Planning

NHS Antimicrobial Product Procurement (via Subscription Model)

NHS England

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NHS Antimicrobial Product Procurement (via Subscription Model)

Reference number

C285236

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England (the "Authority") would like to invite potential suppliers to attend Market Engagement event(s) related to the planned procurement for the provision of Antimicrobial Products, via a Subscription Model Contract. This event(s) will enable potential suppliers to better understand and be given the opportunity to provide feedback, on the Authorities contracting model, planned procurement process and evaluation. The Authority will also hold a separate event to describe the Product Evaluation Process, as described in the section "II.2.4"

Please see section "II.2.4 - Description of the procurement" for further information regarding this opportunity.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,440,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33651000 - General anti-infectives for systemic use and vaccines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is one of the most pressing global challenges faced this century. Already, AMR infections are estimated to cause 700,000 deaths each year globally. That figure is predicted to rise to 10 million, alongside a cumulative cost of \$100 trillion, by 2050 if no action is taken. The UK Government has recognised AMR as a global problem and committed action to tackle it as a priority issue. In summary, NHS England will seek to model its contracting on WHO global approach to AMR and be based on antibiotic stewardship and infection prevention and control.

For most antimicrobial products, there are few replacements or alternative products in development and even fewer that target priority pathogens; therefore, investment in novel antimicrobials is widely seen as commercially unattractive. NHS England recognised this problem and has built an innovative model that will pay companies a fixed annual fee for antibiotics (subscription model). Following success of the initial pilot phase and following market feedback, NHS England is planning to launch a procurement process, through a regulated procurement that will build on this the initial model and extend the supplier base.

Due to the complexity of this procurement NHS England will hold two separate virtual engagement events whereby:

1. Event one will be held at 10:00hrs to 11:30hrs on the 23rd May 2024 and will provide a general overview of the project, NHS England requirements and outline of the procurement process.
2. Event two will be held at 11:00hrs to 13:00hrs on the 29th May 2024 to explain in more details the product evaluation process.

NHS England will also make available the draft process documentation for Suppliers to review and provide any comments/feedback, via the links contained within the Introductory letter for NHS England to review.

Therefore, NHS England would like to invite potential suppliers of antibiotics to register for these two separate events, by expressing their interest in attending via the following link, where more details and access to draft project documents will be given -

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome> PROJECT C285236

II.2.14) Additional information

In order to register interest potential suppliers should register with and use NHS England's e-procurement portal, which can be accessed by visiting following web link:

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

All information relating to this procurement will be available at the above-described e-procurement web portal.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 July 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please be aware the NHSE principal address has changed to Wellington House 133-155
Waterloo Road London SE1 8UG