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Tender

National HIV/Syphilis self-sampling and self-testing Framework

Department of Health and Social Care

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0337f3

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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

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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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

National HIV/Syphilis self-sampling and self-testing Framework

Reference number

C72182

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Health and Social Care is seeking to establish a national Framework Agreement with a single contractor to provide HIV and Syphilis self-sampling and self-testing and results management services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85140000 - Miscellaneous health services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories
- 85323000 - Community health 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 seeking to establish a national Framework Agreement with a single contractor to provide HIV and Syphilis self-sampling and self-testing and results management services. The framework will be primarily for use by the Department of Health and Social Care, the lead Authority, but it will be opened for use by:

- any local authority in England; <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/communications-support/digital-councils/social-media/go-further/a-z-councils-online>
- NHS England and NHS Improvement; <https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/>
- any Integrated Care Board, NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust in England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-provider-directory/>

The aim of this service is to provide a cost effective and clinically robust service accessible for sexually active individuals aged 16 years and over. Emphasis will be placed on increasing testing for HIV amongst most at risk groups including gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men and black African populations. The service will be paid for by the customer and will be free to the service user.

The service provision includes four elements:

- User interface and access (online portal)
- Fulfilment of orders (online and offline distribution)
- Pathology
- Results management

Contract Project Reference: C72182

Contract term: 24 months with the option to extend for up to further 24 months.

Estimated contract value (including extensions): £3,900,000 excluding VAT (£4,600,000 including VAT)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,900,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further 24 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-012629](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

5 August 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 August 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Approximately 6 months prior to the end of the current Framework as long as services are still required.

VI.3) Additional information

This Tender process will be issued by in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 as amended by the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”) Schedule 3 (“Light Touch”) services. This Procurement Exercise will therefore be run in accordance with ‘the Regulations’ as they apply to “light touch” services. While the Authority is following a process broadly corresponding to an Open Procedure

under ‘the Regulations’ neither that fact nor any other statements, acts or omissions of the Authority in connection with this Procurement Exercise should be taken as indicating that the Authority intends to be bound by the provisions of the ‘Regulations’ or the general principles to any greater extent than applies by law to the Light Touch Regime.

The opportunity will be available on the DHSC Atamis eTendering System. 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.

To find this opportunity in the eTendering system, select “Find Opportunities” and then search by project number or title. Once you have found the Opportunity, press the ‘Register Interest’ button to register your interest. This will make the project to appear on ‘My proposals and quotes’. From there you can review documents, send clarification messages, submit the response, or decline to respond, if you decide not to participate in the opportunity. For full details on the instruction to tender and terms of participations please refer to the Invitation to Tender document.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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