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Planning

National Assessment for the supply of blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips, and lancets

NHS England

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047a50

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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

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 Assessment for the supply of blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips, and lancets

Reference number

C294473

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33190000 - Miscellaneous medical devices and products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England (NHSE) is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) to inform suppliers about an upcoming process for the assessment of blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips, and lancets . The aim of the assessment is to ensure that blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips and lancets used across the NHS meet the highest standards of accuracy, reliability, and cost-effectiveness.

In January 2023, NHSE undertook an assessment to evaluate the clinical and cost effectiveness of meters, test strips and lancets. The assessment included:

- Accuracy of glucose readings
- Reliability and consistency of test results
- Ease of use for patients and healthcare professionals
- Compatibility with various blood glucose meters
- Cost-effectiveness and overall value for money
- Compliance with relevant regulatory standards

Following the assessment and the identification of the preferred blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips and lancets, Commissioning Recommendations were published in April 2023.

NHSE has recently carried out the annual review and have decided to re-open this assessment.

New Suppliers wishing to be part of the recommendations

Suppliers wishing to participate in the assessment for an opportunity to be included in the updated Commissioning Recommendations are encouraged to monitor the NHS England procurement portal (Atamis) for further updates.

Suppliers who are part of the current recommendations

Suppliers who were successful on the first round of assessments and are listed on the commissioning recommendations need not apply for a full re-assessment, unless the specifications of their products have changed since the initial assessment.

New and Existing Suppliers will also have the opportunity to update their price. If they wish to do so, they will be required to provide evidence that they have submitted the change request to NHS Business Services Authority. Otherwise, the latest price on the drug tariff will be used in the assessment.

This PIN is issued solely for the purpose of informing potential suppliers about an upcoming assessment process. This PIN does not constitute a solicitation for proposals or an invitation to tender, nor does it bind NHSE to conduct any procurement. NHSE reserves the right to amend or cancel the assessment at any time.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £130,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Assessment of Drug Tariff medical devices used in the management of diabetes

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 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