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## **Packaging Standardisation for NHS Test & Trace**

Department of Health and Social Care

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**29 September 2021 - no time specified**

See the [change notice](#).

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department of Health and Social Care

39 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0EU

#### **Contact**

Test & Trace Market Engagement

#### **Email**

[ttmarketengagement@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:ttmarketengagement@dhsc.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

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

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://health.atamis.co.uk>

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Packaging Standardisation for NHS Test & Trace

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 44617100 - Cartons

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

NHS Test and Trace is the national organisation under the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) responsible for conducting Covid-19 testing in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The ambition of NHS Test and Trace is to ensure that everyone who needs a test in the UK has access to one. DHSC are looking to standardise the packaging requirements for the test kits to move to a more effective and economic packaging solution that can protect test kits in transport to homes as well as meeting the legal requirements to safely transport samples returned to test laboratories. This packaging also needs to be handled efficiently at laboratories to maximise testing throughput. DHSC are now advising the market of our intention to procure these goods. Please see Lot information for specific goods required.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,760,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 Individual Sample Return Box

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 44617100 - Cartons

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

DHSC are looking to standardise the packaging requirements for the test kits to move to a more effective and economic packaging solution that can protect test kits in transport to homes as well as meeting the legal requirements to safely transport samples returned to test laboratories. This packaging also needs to be handled efficiently at laboratories to maximise testing throughput. Based on lab and end user feedback a packaging solution has been designed to meet these requirements. It includes LOT 1 individual sample return box, LOT 2 a grip seal bag, LOT 3 an absorbent sheet (to protect against leaks), LOT 4 a tamper evident seal and LOT 5 a mailing bag. This is Lot 1 individual sample return box. Suppliers are invited to bid for one or multiple Lots.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

5

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority extend the duration of the Agreement for any period up to a maximum of additional 6 months in total from the expiry of the initial Term and then for any period up to a maximum 6 months in total from the expiry of the first extension (5 months + 6 months + 6 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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 Grip Seal Bag

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18930000 - Sacks and bags

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 Absorbent Sheet

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 33140000 - Medical consumables

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 5 Mailing Bag

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 18933000 - Mail or parcel bags



### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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### **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

**II.2) Description****II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 Tamper Evident Seal

Lot No

4

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 30199760 - Labels
- 30192800 - Self-adhesive labels

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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

Duration in months

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### **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**

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## **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The COVID-19 outbreak has given rise to an urgent need for the supply of the relevant packaging requirements detailed in this procurement to ensure continuity of supply early 2022. This does not give DHSC sufficient time to comply with the standard open procedure timescales for this procurement. DHSC considers this to be a state of urgency which it has duly substantiated. Accordingly, DHSC is using the accelerated time limits permitted under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (regulation 27(5) for the open procedure) in respect of this procurement

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-010678](#)

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

Originally published as:

Date

22 September 2021

Local time

5:00pm

Changed to:

Date

29 September 2021

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

22 September 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers instructions: 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. Select “Find Opportunities” and then select the “Packaging Standardisation for NHS Test & Trace (ITT stage)” opportunity. Once you have selected the Opportunity, press the ‘Register Interest’ button to register your interest. As you select the Opportunity, you can review documents, send clarification messages, submit the response, or decline to respond, if you decide not to participate in the opportunity. For further assistance please consult the online help, or the eTendering help desk. DHSC expressly reserves the rights:(i) to use a reverse auction;(ii) to cancel this procurement at any stage;(iii) to not award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;(iv) and in no circumstances will DHSC be liable for any costs incurred by potential suppliers.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

[generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk](mailto:generaloffice@administrativecourtoffice.justice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Department for Health and Social Care will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Appeals must be lodged in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) as amended.