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Planning

Agency Backup and Archive Solution

Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency

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Scope

Reference

C353022

Description

The MHRA wishes to purchase software to ensure it has a working backup and archiving solution deployed. The Agency is seeking to establish a working solution that can support a variety of backups across a range of platforms - from our most critical applications that must be highly available, to archives that are kept only to meet regulatory requirements. The Agency requires a comprehensive backup and archive strategy, emphasizing efficiency and effectiveness in data management. A unified 'single pane of glass' management console is needed to provide the Agency with a consolidated view of its backup and archive estate and status. The Agency requires either a single solution or one that is minimal in number and the Agency wants to avoid managed services. The solution should seamlessly integrate with both on-premises and cloud storage. For the avoidance of doubt, any information provided to the MHRA in response to this RFI will be treated as confidential and non-binding. No contract will be awarded as a consequence of this RFI process, however, the MHRA may launch a procurement opportunity in the near future.

Responding to this RFI is not a prerequisite for participation in a subsequent procurement, nor does it give any advantage in that procurement. The MHRA would welcome responses to this RFI in order that the MHRA can build an understanding regarding the current and future provision of the project.

Total value (estimated)

- £175,000 excluding VAT
- £210,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 November 2025 to 27 November 2028
- Possible extension to 27 November 2029
- 4 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48710000 - Backup or recovery software package
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 May 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

14 August 2025

Contracting authority

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