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## **Procurement of Kitting Automation Equipment**

Department of Health and Social Care

F02: Contract notice

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### **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**

Procurement of Kitting Automation Equipment

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

- 31720000 - Electromechanical equipment

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

Supplies

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

The Department of Health & Social Care has set up the Test & Trace Programme to address the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of the Mass Testing programme, the Test & Trace Programme produces PCR and LAMP test kits. Currently, these diagnostic test kits are produced in a largely manual fashion. The Test & Trace programme is seeking to establish a fully automated capability to produce diagnostic test-kits at large scale.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 42200000 - Machinery for food, beverage and tobacco processing and associated parts
- 42990000 - Miscellaneous special-purpose machinery

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Department of Health & Social Care has set up the Test & Trace Programme to address the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of the Test and Trace

programme is:

- Saving Lives (rapid testing for anyone with symptoms)
- Protecting the vulnerable (screening of selected cohorts)
- Containment (Integral part of NHS Test and Trace)
- Getting UK back to work (testing available for all symptomatic citizens)
- Understanding prevalence (survey delivery)

As part of the Mass Testing programme, the Test & Trace Programme produces PCR and LAMP test kits. Currently, these diagnostic test kits are produced in a largely manual fashion. The Test & Trace programme is seeking to establish a fully automated capability to produce diagnostic test-kits at large scale, in order to:

- Establish a lasting legacy to better prepare the UK for future pandemic events when they occur, and to repurpose the testing system for non-pandemic tests such as genetic sequencing, cancer diagnostics, STDs and other respiratory diseases;
- Improve quality of test kit production;
- Achieve a Maximum Capacity of 500,000 tests / day, of the four variants of Covid-19 test kits specified in the System Requirements Documents (SRD) to meet predicted test demand;
- Increase responsiveness to fluctuating demand, with the ability to quickly increase or decrease volumes in line with rapidly changing demand for Covid tests;
- Produce test kits for the four PCR test kits variants that make 99% of the demand, and to be able to accommodate planned / possible future kit without major redesign;
- Reduce the cost of producing test kits for the tax payer;

We are seeking a supplier to design, deliver, install and commission this Automated Kitting Equipment, and to provide DHSC operator training and ongoing equipment support. DHSC are now advising the market of our intention to procure these goods. This Procurement will establish a single Contract for the purchase of Kitting Automation Equipment.

#### **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: £30,000,000

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

Duration in months

20

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority reserves the right to extend such support for up to two further periods of up

to 12 months each

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

ProcessSuppliers instructions: the opportunity will be available on the DHSC Atamis eTendering System and will be conducted using the competitive dialogue procedure. You must be registered on the Atamis e-Sourcing Suite ("Atamis") via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> in order to take part in this Procurement.

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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**

Competitive dialogue

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

Date

11 October 2021

Local time

3:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

9 September 2021

#### **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)

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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London

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