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## **Request for Information - Test facilities for assessment of Police irritants sprays**

Home Office

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-023121

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ee02

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

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

Home Office

london

#### **Contact**

PSG Commercial Team

#### **Email**

[Collaborativeprocurement@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:Collaborativeprocurement@homeoffice.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

Services

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

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No information contained in this RFI, or in any communication made between the Authority and any Potential Provider in connection with this RFI, shall be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement, or representation that any procurement or contract may result from this RFI. Under no circumstances shall the Authority incur any liability in respect of this RFI or any supporting documentation.

The Home Office publishes and maintains a Standard for Police Chemical Irritant Sprays: CS and PAVA. Testing, in accordance with this standard, is currently conducted by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl).

The testing requirements are set out in Section 5 of the standard, which is available online at the following link:

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according to Section 5 of the Standard. The Authority will retain the responsibility for checking requirements detailed in all other sections of the Standard, except for Section 5.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 35200000 - Police equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 October 2023

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority is issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) as a Request for Information (RFI) to gather market intelligence/information, to gain a better understanding of the capacity and appetite of the market.

It is important to note that this PIN/RFI is not a call for competition and as such potential providers will need to express an interest in any future tender opportunity once a contract notice is published in Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN/RFI invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this RFI exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

To request access to the RFI document please email [CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:CollaborativeProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk) and request the RFI document related to the assessment of Test facilities for Police irritant sprays. The document will then be sent for completion and should be returned to the same email address before the deadline. Responses are required as soon as possible to inform next steps, but the RFI will remain open until 11/09/23