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# RFI - Appointment of a main reference laboratory

**UK Health Security Agency** 

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### Scope

#### Reference

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## **Description**

UK NEQAS Microbiology is seeking to appoint a main reference laboratory to provide microbial strains and perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) in support of its External Quality Assessment (EQA) schemes. This RFI is seeking information from laboratories that have the capability and capacity to fulfil the outlined requirements.

#### **Contract dates (estimated)**

• 18 November 2025 to 17 November 2028

- Possible extension to 18 November 2030
- 5 years, 1 day

#### Main procurement category

Services

#### **CPV** classifications

73111000 - Research laboratory services

## **Engagement**

## **Engagement deadline**

11 June 2025

# **Engagement process description**

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# **Participation**

#### Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

# **Contracting authority**

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