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Tender

Provision of antimicrobials to the NHS in England [and Scotland] [and Wales][and Northern Ireland] via a subscription-based payment model

NHS England

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NHS England

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LS1 4AP

Contact

Collette Patrick

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk//>

Buyer's address

<https://www.england.nhs.uk//>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of antimicrobials to the NHS in England [and Scotland] [and Wales][and Northern Ireland] via a subscription-based payment model

Reference number

C299010

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS England (referred to as the Authority), is inviting Suppliers with the appropriate Market Authorisation to respond to this invitation to tender for the provision of antimicrobial products via a subscription model contract in England – Scotland – Wales and Northern Ireland

The Contract(s) for Goods/Services is due to commence on 1st April 2026. As a result of this procurement exercise an agreement will be established with successful bidder(s) that meet the evaluation criteria set out in the selection questionnaire and associated documents and qualify for a contract under the Subscription Model. Contract(s) will be awarded for an initial period of the lessor of 3 years or the date at which exclusivity ends. The Authority will have the option to offer one or more extensions, however the total contract length shall not exceed the lessor of 16 years or the date at which exclusivity ends.

The deadline for ITT submissions is 13.00pm on Thursday 12th September 2024.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,896,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is one of the most pressing global challenges faced this century. Already, AMR infections are estimated to cause 700,000 deaths each year globally. That figure is predicted to rise to 10 million, alongside a cumulative cost of \$100 trillion, by 2050 if no action is taken. The UK Government has recognised AMR as a global problem and committed action to tackle it as a priority issue.

For most antimicrobial products, there are few replacements or alternative products in development and even fewer that target priority pathogens; therefore, investment in novel antimicrobials is widely seen as commercially unattractive. NHS England recognised this problem and has built an innovative model that will pay companies a fixed annual fee for antimicrobials (subscription model).

Providers must be able to meet the requirements set out in this Invitation to Tender (ITT) and deliver the contract in accordance with its terms.

Providers wishing to be considered for a subscription model contract must provide the information requested in the procurement documentation prior to the deadlines stated in this notice and the ITT. The ITT documentation including a selection questionnaire is available through the Atamis (Health Family) portal: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. The reference is C299010 and the closing date for completed of the selection questionnaire is 13:00pm , on Thursday 12th September 2024. Bidders who pass the selection questionnaire will be invited to participate in the ITT stage of this procurement. Deadlines for the ITT stage will be confirmed to Bidders invited to that stage. To express interest and participate in the tender, please register and apply via Atamis e-sourcing portal <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Should Bidders have any queries, or having problems using the portal, they should contact Helpdesk at: Phone: 0800 9956035 E-mail: support-health@atamis.co.uk

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: £1,896,000,000

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

Start date

1 April 2026

End date

31 March 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

In accordance with the conditions within the ITT and Contract.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Authority reserves the right to extend the contract during its term, whereby the length shall not exceed the lesser of 16 years or the date at which exclusivity ends

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

This provision of the contract will be inclusive of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Within the ITT

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As stated within the Contract.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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: [2024/S 000-015498](#)

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

Date

12 September 2024

Local time

1:00pm

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

12 August 2024

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

Tender must be valid until: 12 March 2026

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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