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Planning

MET Accutrace Plus Analysers SR1491239887

H M Revenue & Customs

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>

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

Other activity

Direct and Indirect Tax Collection

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

MET Accutrace Plus Analysers SR1491239887

Reference number

SR1491239887

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38434000 - Analysers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This PIN is not a call for competition. HMRC would like to invite potential suppliers to participate in a pre-market engagement activity during the period week commencing 18th September. If you are interested, please email hamza.ali@hmrc.gov.uk to be invited to the Request For Information and view the problem statement.

The problem statement to be provided by HMRC outlines the specific challenges we are facing whilst developing our future strategy to control the sale and distribution of rebated fuels which is leading to oil fraud. HMRC is seeking input from the market to understand:

1. How potential suppliers can help HMRC to understand the best available options to acquire these devices, either via outright purchase or monthly lease packages.
2. How potential suppliers can best support HMRC to develop the scope of the tender and mobile test rebated fuel.
3. How fuel analysers can adapt to future requirements.

Note, more information is provided within the problem statement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,100,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy
- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

HMRC is responsible for the administration and collection of over £780 billion of revenue every year. One of the key sources of revenue collection for which the organisation is responsible is duty on road fuels, which last year exceeded £24 billion.

Road fuel duty is charged at the full rate on fuels predominantly supplied for road use, with reduced rates on rebated fuels such as Marked gas Oil (MGO) which is predominately used in agricultural machinery and kerosene which is used for heating. As MGO and kerosene attract lower or nil rates of duty they cannot normally be legally used as a road fuel, and both are marked with dyes and chemicals so that they can be identified.

The resultant lower cost of these fuels unfortunately leads to some misuse in road vehicles, either directly or, for example, after processing ("laundering") to remove the dyes and markers.

HMRC Oils Policy is designed to reduce the level of fraud in the fuels sector by focussing on large-scale criminal and commercial misuse by combining law enforcement action with more control of the sale and distribution of rebated fuels.

This policy is enforced in part by 8 Mobile Enforcement Units (METs) located throughout the UK. These teams are responsible for detecting and deterring oils fraud by, for example, testing the fuel in road vehicles, fuel retail stations and stock tanks.

To test fuel MET use vans which have been converted into laboratory workspaces. These workspaces contain fuel testing equipment ranging from simple chemical reactive tests to Gas Chromatography.

In January 2024 an additional new marker will be added to rebated fuel. This marker, which will simultaneously be introduced across EU member states as a new Euromarker is known under its trade name as Accutrace Plus.

The initial services to be delivered by HMRC require mobile testing equipment that can detect and quantify both:

- butoxy benzene (butyl phenyl ether) in fuels (primarily diesel and kerosene) at a concentration of 9.5 milligram per litre (Accutrace Plus).
- ((3-(sec-butyl)-4-(decyloxy)phenyl)methanetriyl)tribenzene in fuels (primarily diesel and kerosene) at a concentration of 2.5 milligram per litre (Accutrace S10).

II.2.14) Additional information

Further details and registration for the pre-market engagement activity will be completed electronically through HMRC's SAP Ariba eSourcing tool. You will be required to advise your interest to hamza.ali@hmrc.gov.uk to be added to the Ariba event and complete a short questionnaire upon registration, via the Ariba system.

Suppliers using HMRCs Ariba for the first time, will need to register at:

<http://hmrc.supplier-eu.ariba.com/ad/register/SSOActions?type=full>

As part of the registration process you will receive a system generated email.

Once you have obtained your account ID (AN) number, please email hamza.ali@hmrc.gov.uk with the following information

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 November 2023

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