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Planning

UK2 - Preliminary Market Engagement Notice (Programme Cortisone: Laboratory Information Management System for Defence Medical Services' Deployments and Operations)

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The purpose of this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is to notify the market of Project LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) and the engagement activity that has taken place to inform the acquisition strategy.

Programme CORTISONE is seeking to integrate a number of Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) products and services to provide an ecosystem of sub-systems that will constitute

future UK Defence Medical Information Services (Med IS). The Programme is entering the Delivery Phase and intends to procure products to deliver a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) solution for Defence Medical Services (DMS) military deployments and operations.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,480,000 excluding VAT
- £5,376,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2033
- Possible extension to 30 November 2038
- 13 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48180000 - Medical software package
- 48170000 - Compliance software package

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 March 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Initially, a prior information notice was issued on 15/01/2025 to. This included an invite the industry to a Market Interest Day to engage with the project team on the LIMS requirement.

Next, the market interest day was held on 05/02/2025 where 21 supplier organisations attended. In the industry day the following was presented to suppliers to help them further understand the LIMS tender. A chronological timeline of the tender events, an overview of DMS (Defence Medical Services), what program CORTISONE is, an overview of Defence Pathology, key capabilities the authority requires from suppliers to deliver LIMS, overview of intermittent connectivity, overview of DEFMED, and finally a Q&A.

As a follow on from the Market Interest Day. Only suppliers who expressed interest in the PIN were invited to a 1-2-1 demonstration session of their product. This was an hour slot on Teams where the suppliers could demonstrate their LIMS product to the CORTISONE team.

Also, as a follow on from the Market Interest Day interested parties were sent the questionnaire on 26/02/2025 and were requested to submit a response by 19/03/2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 June 2025

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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