

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/028358-2023>

Planning

## **GSS23744 - UK Research and Innovation: Molecular Biology and Laboratory Chemicals Framework**

UK Research and Innovation

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-028358

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0403d7

Published 26 September 2023, 1:55pm

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

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

UK Research and Innovation

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

SWINDON

SN21UH

#### **Contact**

Goods and Self Service

#### **Email**

[coreservices@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:coreservices@uksbs.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukpbs.co.uk](http://www.ukpbs.co.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

---

**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

GSS23744 - UK Research and Innovation: Molecular Biology and Laboratory Chemicals Framework

Reference number

GSS23744

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

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

Services

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

\*\*\*For the avoidance of doubt, this is not a call for competition. This notice is to inform the market of a Future Opportunity\*\*\*

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) brings together the seven Research Councils (AHRC, BBSRC, EPSRC, ESRC, MRC, NERC, STFC) plus Innovate UK and a new organisation, Research England.

UKRI wishes to establish a Framework for the provision of Molecular Biology and Laboratory Chemicals.

It is intended that the Framework will be based upon nine LOTS:

LOT 1 - Nucleic Acid Manipulation

LOT 2 - Protein Manipulation

LOT 3 - Cell and Tissue Culture

LOT 4 - Antibiotics

LOT 5 - Chemicals and Solvents

LOT 6 - Fine Chemicals

LOT 7 - Drugs

LOT 8 - Stable Isotopes

LOT 9 - Biological Buffers

The objective of this procurement will be to:

- a) Produce a Framework Agreement that UKRI can easily use and provide a compliant route to market.
- b) Capture a large percentage of the Molecular Biology and Laboratory Chemical requirements from large value items to low value, high volume items.
- c) Develop strong relationships with UKRI and Suppliers to ensure that the requirements are captured and value for money is achieved.
- d) To capture quality management information that will support informed decision making in future procurements.
- e) To ensure sustainability aspects are considered and integrated into the Framework Agreement.
- f) To continuously improve and apply best practice procurement that meets the end users' requirements.

\*\*\*\*There is no commitment at this stage that the above mentioned opportunity will proceed in its current format\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*GSS23744 Supplier Day\*\*\*

In order for Suppliers to obtain an overview of the requirement, UK SBS on behalf of UKRI will be holding a Supplier day on Monday 9th October 2023 at 11:00hrs GMT, and Thursday 12th October 2023 at 10:00hrs GMT. The duration of the Supplier day will be approximately 1 hour and will be held online.

If you wish to attend, please complete the attached form <https://forms.office.com/e/TEtgg7VSjN> confirming your attendance and select your preferred date no later than Friday 6th October 2023 at 14:00hrs GMT.

Please note that a maximum of two representatives per organisation is permitted.

Following confirmation of attendance, a link to the supplier day will be shared with confirmed attendees.

Any information supplied shall not place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

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

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 1 - Nucleic Acid Manipulation

Lot No

1

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

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents
- 33698100 - Microbiological cultures

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Nucleic Acid Manipulation.

The range of Nucleic Acid Manipulation products will include but will not be limited to:

- Restriction endonucleases
- Modifying enzymes
- DNA Labelling
- PCR Reagents
- qRT-PCR reagents
- cDNA synthesis kit
- DNA and RNA purification kits and reagents

- DNA and RNA extraction kits and reagents
- DNA ladders
- DNA intercalants and stains
- Competent cells
- Expression vectors
- Cloning vectors and kits
- Plasmid mutagenesis vectors and kits

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 2 - Protein Manipulation

Lot No

2

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

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents
- 33954000 - Biological evidence collection kits

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Protein Manipulation.

The range of Protein Manipulation products will include but will not be limited to:

- Precast Gels
- Acrylamide

- Gel running buffers
- Protein Ladders
- Protein stains and detections reagents
- Protein extraction kits
- immunoprecipitation kits
- Immunoassays
- Growth Factors
- Proteins / Recombinant proteins
- DNA intercalants and stains
- Protein expression and purification kits and reagents

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 3 - Cell and Tissue Culture

Lot No

3

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

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Cell and Tissue Culture.

The range of Cell and Tissue Culture products will include but will not be limited to:

- Culture Media
- Cell and Tissue dissociation reagents
- Animal serum
- Transfection reagents
- Cellular and Biochemical assays
- Flow cytometry
- Cell separation
- Stains and Counterstains

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 4 - Antibiotics for invitro use

Lot No

4

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

- 24956000 - Peptones and protein substances
- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Antibiotics for invitro use.

## **II.2) Description**



### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 5 - Chemicals and Solvents

Lot No

5

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

- 24320000 - Basic organic chemicals
- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Chemicals and Solvents which will include but will not be limited to:

- Duty free products
- Duty paid products

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 6 - Fine Chemicals

Lot No

6

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

- 24320000 - Basic organic chemicals
- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Fine Chemicals.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 7 - Controlled Drugs, Schedule 5, Toxins and Bioactive small molecules / inhibitors

Lot No

7

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

- 24320000 - Basic organic chemicals

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Controlled Drugs, Schedule 5, Toxins and Bioactive small molecules / inhibitors.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 8 - Stable Isotopes

Lot No

8

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

- 24320000 - Basic organic chemicals

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Stable Isotopes.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 9 - Biological Buffers

Lot No

9

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

- 24320000 - Basic organic chemicals

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UKRI wish to put in place a Framework for the provision of Biological Buffers.

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

6 March 2024

---

## **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

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Terms and Conditions and a Draft Specification for this requirement are available to view on Contracts Finder [www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk](http://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk)

It is to be noted that there is no commitment at this stage that the above mentioned opportunity will proceed in its current format.