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Planning

Appointment of a Contract Manufacturing Organisation for Production of DST-F to GMP Standards

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

P-31373

Description

A Contract Manufacturing Organisation (CMO) certified to EU Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standards is required to work in partnership with the Authority to achieve UK Marketing Authorisation (MA) and, thereafter, for scaled up production of the DST-F product, a diagnostic skin test to Detect Infected among Vaccinated Animals (DIVA). This will involve the technical transfer of the research grade product from the current non-GMP provider.

Total value (estimated)

- £9,999,999 excluding VAT
- £11,999,998.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33651690 - Vaccines for veterinary medicine
- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 July 2025

Engagement process description

Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on behalf of Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) wishes to inform potential suppliers of an upcoming procurement opportunity and to invite them to participate in early market engagement. The market engagement will consist of; 1. virtual Supplier Briefing Presentation, 2. the issuance of Information pack and Market Engagement Questionnaire (MEQ) and 3. 1:1 Supplier Feedback Sessions to discuss the information provided in the MEQ and further understand supplier capabilities with regard to this requirement. It is important to note that this is not a call for competition. Overview of Requirements: Defra is seeking to appoint a Contract Manufacturing Organisation who will work in partnership with the Authority to achieve UK Marketing Authorisation of the Diva Skin Test – Fusion (DST-F) and, thereafter scale up production for its supply. The services will include: • Technical transfer of the DST-F product • Production of consistency batches • Support the Authority's Marketing Authorisation submission • Commercial manufacture and supply of DST-F to UK upon successfully obtaining Marketing Authorisation • Prospective supply to rest of the world, subject to relevant marketing authorisations being achieved

Supplier Briefing Presentation: We now invite potential suppliers to a briefing presentation, where we will provide a detailed overview of our requirements and the intended procurement process. This event will be an opportunity for suppliers to gain a better understanding of our needs and to engage with our team. Date: Friday 27th of June 2025 Time: 10:00am Location: Virtual Meeting via the Microsoft Teams Platform How to Participate: Interested suppliers are invited to register their interest in this opportunity via email to: Olubunmi.Akinmade@defra.gov.uk using the email title, 'Contract Manufacturing Organisation for Production of DST-F to GMP Standards - Interested Supplier'. Upon registration, suppliers will receive further details about the Supplier Briefing Presentation Day. Please include the following information in your email: • Company name • Contact details – email address, preferred person to contact, role or position in company, telephone number • Confirm whether you are a GMP manufacturer or not

Information Pack and Market Engagement Questionnaire (MEQ): Shortly following the Supplier Briefing Presentation, we will issue an Information document and a Market Engagement Questionnaire to suppliers that registered interest. The purpose of this is to provide suppliers with the information of the upcoming procurement opportunity and invite them to: • Provide feedback on Scope/Requirements • Provide feedback on the Commercial approach • Provide feedback on the proposed Terms and Conditions • Provide input into the procurement process Please note due to the sensitive nature of the requirement, all interested suppliers will be required to sign and return an Authority provided Non-Disclosure Agreement in order to participate. The documents are designed to gather valuable input from interested suppliers to inform our procurement strategy and requirements. Timeline: • Early Market Engagement Publication: Friday 6th June 2025 •

Registration Deadline: 3pm on Tuesday 24th June 2025 • Supplier Briefing Presentation: Friday 27th June 2025 • Information Pack and MEQ Issuance: Monday 30th June 2025 • MEQ Submission Deadline: 3pm Monday 14th July 2025 • 1:1 Supplier Feedback Sessions: Wednesday 16th July 2025 Contact Information: For any queries related to this procurement, please contact: Name: Olubunmi Akinmade Position: Senior Commercial Officer Email: Olubunmi.akinmad@defra.gov.uk Thank you for your interest.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

29 September 2025

Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Conducting the procurement exercise on behalf of Animal and Plant Health Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Contact [DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS](#) for any enquiries.