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Tender

## **In-Vitro Testing of New Psychoactive Substances (IVT-NPS)**

Ministry of Defence

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

Dstl, Porton Down

Salisbury

**For the attention of**

McBeath Naomi

**Email(s)**

[njmcbeath@dstl.gov.uk](mailto:njmcbeath@dstl.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

In-Vitro Testing of New Psychoactive Substances (IVT-NPS)

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 14: Research and development services and evaluation tests

#### **II.1.3) Information on framework agreement**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 6

#### **Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £0 and £1,200,000

#### **II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Dstl have a requirement to procure a service for in-vitro testing of potentially psychoactive substances to support the implementation of the Psychoactive Substances Act (2016) hereafter referred to as the PSA. The testing involves pharmacological testing on immobilised cloned human cells against suspected psychoactive substances.

#### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

#### **II.1.7) Information about subcontracting**

The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed

#### **II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

#### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £0 and £1,200,000

#### **II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: No

### **II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Start date: 1 April 2025

End date: 31 March 2031

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.2) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1) Personal situation**

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register your company on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once)

- Browse to the eSourcing Portal
- Click the "Click here to register" link
- Accept the terms and conditions and click "continue"
- Enter your correct business and user details
- Note the username you chose and click "Save" when complete
- You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender

- Login to the portal with the username/password
- Click the "PQQs Open to All Suppliers" link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires open to any registered supplier)
- Click on the relevant PQQ to access the content.
- Click the "Express Interest" button in the "Actions" box on the left-hand side of the page.
- This will move the PQQ into your "My PQQs" page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only)
- Click on the PQQ code, you can now access any attachments by clicking the "Settings and Buyer Attachments" in the "Actions" box

### 3. Responding to the tender

- You can now choose to “Reply” or “Reject” (please give a reason if rejecting)
- You can now use the ‘Messages’ function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification
- Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ
- There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available)

If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk.

#### **Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Suppliers Instructions How to Express Interest in this Tender:

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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Restricted

### **IV.2) Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1) Award criteria**

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

#### **IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

### **IV.3) Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

#### **IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 21  
December 2024 - 11:59pm

#### **IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

21 December 2024 - 11:59pm

#### **IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

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

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit [www.contracts.mod.uk](http://www.contracts.mod.uk) for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

### **VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

#### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Dstl

Porton Down

Salisbury

SP4 0JQ

#### **Country**

United Kingdom