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Planning

UKHSA Diagnostics and Research Open Framework

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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London

E14 4PU

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKHSA Diagnostics and Research Open Framework

Reference number

C326690

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33000000 - Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting through the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is seeking to appoint suppliers to a multi-lot open framework agreement. The proposed agreement, UKHSA Diagnostics and Research Framework, will source supplies and services for diagnostics and research activities. The term of the proposed open framework will be 8 years. The open framework shall be reopened to new suppliers at least twice within the 8 years.

The UKHSA Diagnostics and Research Framework will include, but not be limited to, the supply of diagnostics goods or services for the qualitative/quantitative examination of specimens/samples and the supply of research use only goods or services for the qualitative/quantitative examination of specimens/samples.

This open framework will be used to support UKHSA core functions and provide access partners with a route to source diagnostics and research equipment, consumables and services. The intention of this framework is to complement other frameworks in this space, such as the NHS Supply Chains Laboratory Diagnostics, Point of Care Testing and Pathology Managed Services Framework.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38434500 - Biochemical analysers
- 38434000 - Analysers
- 38434520 - Blood analysers
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 38431000 - Detection apparatus
- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products
- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38433100 - Mass spectrometer
- 38950000 - Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) equipment
- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 38434510 - Cytometers
- 38434540 - Biomedical equipment
- 38434550 - Blood-cell counters
- 38434570 - Haematology analysers
- 38434580 - Immunoassay analysers
- 33124000 - Diagnostics and radiodiagnostic devices and supplies
- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits
- 38436100 - Mechanical shakers
- 50400000 - Repair and maintenance services of medical and precision equipment
- 50410000 - Repair and maintenance services of measuring, testing and checking apparatus

- 50411000 - Repair and maintenance services of measuring apparatus
- 50412000 - Repair and maintenance services of testing apparatus
- 50413000 - Repair and maintenance services of checking apparatus
- 50430000 - Repair and maintenance services of precision equipment
- 50433000 - Calibration services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories
- 85148000 - Medical analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Main site or place of performance

UK Health Security Agency
10 South Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London
E14 4PU

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Multi-lot Procurement for the supply of

- Diagnostics

UKCA/CE Marked and MHRA approved Diagnostics equipment, consumables and maintenance supplies and related services

- Research and Development

Equipment, maintenance, consumables, products and services for the purpose of research, experimentation, study or development.

II.2.14) Additional information

UK Health Security Agency as the contracting authority is putting in place an open framework for diagnostics and research equipment, consumables and related services. This framework will be used to support UKHSA core functions across its diagnostics and research activities. For more information see UKHSA 10 year science strategy -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukhsa-science-strategy-2023-to-2033-securing-health-and-prosperity>

The framework is intended to be accessed by UK Public Sector bodies including UKHSA, the Department of Health and Social Care, Public Health Wales, Public Health Scotland, NHS Authorities and Trusts, Special Health Authorities, Local Authorities and any other NHS entity or successor body. (A complete list of NHS Authorities and Trusts and special health authorities can be found here: NHS England » NHS provider directory). The framework can also be accessed by academic and charitable institutions.

The framework value range is an estimate only and the values may vary dependent on the requirements of UKHSA and the other authorities who may choose to participate and purchase supplies and services over the life of the framework agreement. The framework value range of £5,000,000,000 GBP is an approximate estimate only.

The actual values will be to such level as those purchasing under the Open Framework consider necessary to provide suitable requirements. UKHSA works with DHSC and the NHS in its role as a national and international emergency responder to current and emerging threats to public health. As demonstrated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the exact nature, timing and escalation of such threats (and the corresponding required responses) can be difficult to foresee, making any exercise in future value estimation unpredictable. The date listed as the “estimated date of publication of contract notice” is the date that UKHSA believes it will be able to start the tendering process. This date may be subject to change following feedback from suppliers regarding when they believe the market is in a position for a tender to submit tenders.

UKHSA welcomes expressions of interest from SMEs and niche suppliers.

All interested suppliers are required to register on the UKHSA eTendering Portal. All communications from suppliers must be sent through this platform. All information on future engagement events will be provided through this portal.

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additionally, following the commencement of the Procurement Act 2023, all suppliers shall need to join the Central Digital Platform. The anticipated onboarding process shall begin from late January 2025.

Please see the communications for the new platform below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-short-guides/central-digital-platform-factsheet-html>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 December 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

This procurement is anticipated to be provided via two lots.

Lot 1 - Diagnostics

UKCA/CE Marked and MHRA approved Diagnostics equipment, consumables and maintenance supplies and related services

Lot 2 - Research and Development

Equipment, maintenance, consumables, products and services for the purpose of research, experimentation, study or development.