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Planning

Purchase, Storage and Emergency Production of Foot and Mouth Antigen and Vaccine

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

P37007

Description

Defra is exploring options for supply of antigen and vaccines to the UK foot and mouth disease (FMD) vaccine bank and is seeking to identify existing and potential suppliers who have FMD vaccines with robust evidence of quality, safety, and efficacy. We are keen to hear from suppliers who are in a position to supply suitable FMD vaccine products from early 2027 (including manufacturing lead times as necessary). Please provide the information detailed in the section below, but please note that Defra will not consider heterologous vaccine products. Those wishing to provide the information requested here should contact Melanie Swain (melanie.swain@defra.gov.uk), by the 8 September 2025. Defra reserves the right to follow up with suppliers on a 1:1 basis to further understand their capabilities with regard to this requirement. Defra is seeking this information to inform decisions around guarantees of supply to the UK market. Therefore the estimated total value shown below is only indicative at this stage.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,500,000 excluding VAT
- £5,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 December 2031
- Possible extension to 31 December 2036
- 10 years, 9 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33651690 - Vaccines for veterinary medicine

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

8 September 2025

Engagement process description

If your organisation is interested in this requirement, please provide the following information to the named contact above, via email: - The details of your organisation's FMD antigen and vaccine products. - Number and size of dose. - Data on safety, efficacy and period (onset and duration) of immunity in the target species. - Longevity/shelf life of vaccines and antigen. - The number of doses in the vaccination schedule. - Storage conditions and bottle sizes available. - The type of technology used to develop the vaccine production capacity. - Species that can be vaccinated and any data on the minimum age that animals can be vaccinated. - Whether the vaccine is produced to GMP standard or equivalent. - Whether the vaccine is manufactured and stored according to the WOAHA Terrestrial Manual Chapter 3.1.8. - Whether the vaccine is currently authorised for use with a valid marketing authorisation and, if so, where is the vaccine authorised. - Whether the vaccine has been used elsewhere in the world. - Timelines for submitting applications for a marketing authorisation to VMD (if relevant). - The likely cost of the product. - Information on novel technologies and products and likely timeframe to market.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

21 November 2025

Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHC-6261-BLLQ

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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: Defra Group Commercial

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Contact [ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY](#) for any enquiries.