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Planning

MARKET ENGAGEMENT NOTICE FOR NITROUS OXIDE DISPOSAL AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES.

BLUELIGHT COMMERCIAL LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

BLC0249

Description

BLC are exploring a national approach to the supply of legally compliant services that meets the evolving needs of police forces and other agencies, following the classification of Nitrous Oxide Gas as a prohibited Class C Drug in November 2023. This Preliminary Market Engagement is to better understand the market, supplier appetite, capacity, and capability, as well as perceived risks and opportunities. The aim is to ensure all forces and agencies have access to the most cost effective, reliable, and compliant disposal services for the Nitrous Oxide Gas and / or the confiscated cannisters, full or empty.

For Information only, the proposed Framework will consist of the following Lots.

Lot 1 – A FULL SERVICE (End to End Provision of Facilities and Services for Collection, Transportation, Storage and Disposal of Full, Partially discharged, Nominally empty and Empty Nitrous Oxide Canisters).

Lot 2 – TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE (Provision of Collection, Transportation and Storage Facilities for Full, Partially discharged, Nominally empty and Empty Nitrous Oxide Canisters).

Lot 3 – TRANSPORTATION AND DE-GASSING (Provision of Collection, Transportation of Full and Partially discharged, Nominally empty Nitrous Oxide Canisters, for de-gassing and disposal of canisters).

Lot 4 – TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL (Provision of Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Empty Nitrous Oxide Canisters to generate revenue for user organisations).

All Lots will be Sub-Lotted to provide a regional service if required.

BlueLight Commercial is looking to assess the market with respect to

- The Framework Lotting Structure
- Availability of Services across the UK
- Appropriate Pricing Model / Structure
- Legal / Regulatory Requirements

The current proposed structure may change following receipt of the premarket engagement survey feedback.

To provide BLC with feedback on the proposals please complete the survey at the following link:-

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BLC0249-NOX/>

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £8,000,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90520000 - Radioactive-, toxic-, medical- and hazardous waste services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 September 2025

Engagement process description

BlueLight Commercial (BLC) have published this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice and Survey, working in collaboration with UK Police Forces and other agencies to gather information in relation to the provision of disposal and associated services for the Nitrous Oxide Gas and Cannisters (all types, all sizes and all states of fullness).

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LINKS

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 September 2025

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