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Planning

PCR Sample Collection Kit Request for Information (RFI)

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

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Correct description

Scope

Reference

C385192

Description

The purpose of this document is to enhance the Authority's understanding of the marketplace and its options for sourcing for a potential future requirement.

The issuance of this request for information (RFI) does not constitute a sourcing exercise nor will the Authority pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFI.

Should you have any questions or queries relating to this RFI, please use the Atamis portal's messaging centre to direct your questions to us for a response.

If a response is not received by the RFI response deadline this will have no impact on your ability to tender for the opportunity in the future. UKHSA will not enter into contracts on the basis of replies to this RFI.

| Description of Scope of Requirements:

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is responsible for protecting every member of every community from the impact of infectious diseases, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents and other health threats. We provide intellectual, scientific and operational leadership at national and local level, as well as on the global stage, to make the nation's health secure.

UKHSA uses PCR sample collection kits as a critical tool in protecting public health, providing support in outbreak investigations and control measures for a range of pathogens including SARS-CoV-2 and H1N2

To provide greater resilience and flexibility across use cases as part of UKHSA's Pandemic Preparedness strategy and support the UK's contribution to the 100 Days Mission - GOV.UK, which targets deployment of diagnostics within 100 days of identifying a new pandemic threat, it would be beneficial to identify a suitable standard VTM self-collection PCR sample collection kit that could either be procured for central stockpile or acquired at the point of need.

The UKHSA requires a UKCA/CE approved self-collection PCR sample collection kit that is easy to access, simple and intuitive to be used by the UK public (with no required specialist training and with minimal technical jargon).

In addition, UKHSA is also seeking to understand the availability of turnkey services that could support the PCR product and inform our choice of delivery model

Should you wish to respond to this Request for Information, please complete the response questionnaire which is found at the following link: https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a07Sr00000e7gVVIAY&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- 2 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits
- 33140000 - Medical consumables
- 38911000 - Manual swab test kits
- 38951000 - Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) equipment

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 September 2025

Engagement process description

Request for information

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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

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