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Planning

Biological sampling service

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

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Scope

Reference

C390025 /W191323

Description

Provision of a biological sampling service for public health management of incidents and outbreaks in England

Total value (estimated)

- £333,333 excluding VAT
- £400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027
- Possible extension to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75122000 - Administrative healthcare services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 October 2025

Engagement process description

PMEN to share with the market a draft Specification for this tender opportunity.

The draft specification can be viewed via this link:

https://atamis-1928.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/0O000000rwim/a/Sr000001Cvef/2.WE_08t6fLMCE82XkydcMZdly9zCM1uPqGAtxEFeIM

Suppliers are encouraged to:

1. Review the draft Specification and raise any queries they may have with regards to its content
2. Respond if they are interested in this opportunity

Please note that the contract value allows for surge capacity, the anticipated contract spend for Business-as-usual requirements is likely to be considerably lower.

Suppliers should email Emma.j.lewis@ukhsa.gov.uk with the following in the email title:

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Queries will not be responded to individually but will be addressed through the final version of the Specification that will be issued with the Invitation to Tender. The Specification is therefore subject to change.

Any subsequent procurement will be preceded by the relevant notice.

Suppliers who have not responded to this PMEN will be able to participate in any subsequent tender.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

13 October 2025

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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