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Planning

NHSBSA Drug Tariff Solution

NHS Business Services Authority

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Scope

Reference

C397038

Description

Request for Information for the provision of a Drug Tariff Solution. The solution is required to create the Drug Tariff which the NHSBSA produces on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care. The NHSBSA are looking to introduce a flexible solution, underpinning business activities, to enable more agility to react to an ever-changing landscape and future proof the creation and accessing of the Drug Tariff by end users (e.g. pharmacists).

The Drug Tariff outlines:

- what will be paid to pharmacy contractors for NHS services provided either for reimbursement or remuneration
- dispensing rules

- value of the fees and allowances to be paid
- drug and appliance prices paid.

This pre-market engagement exercise is to determine new solutions available to continue to deliver the Drug Tariff to NHSBSA customers while optimising efficiencies.

This invitation to participate in the RFI has been published on the Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2030
- Possible extension to 30 June 2031
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72222300 - Information technology services

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

21 November 2025

Engagement process description

The requirement is for a solution which produces the Drug Tariff from importing several data sources (from the NHSBSA CDR (Common Drug Reference) database in xml format, Microsoft Word and PDF documents (for NHS Directions) as well as Excel documents for new content).

At this stage we are seeking high-level input to enable us to assess the market and to inform any future investment and resulting procurement process.

Suppliers who register an interest should provide a written RFI responses by 21st November 2025.

Interested parties must register an interest in this RFI via <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome> (search opportunities using system reference C397038).

Suppliers should note that this RFI is a market research exercise only and it is not an invitation to tender or invitation to offer an agreement.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Contracting authority

NHS Business Services Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRLZ-1599-JGTT

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government