

Medicines Procurement and Supply Chain

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**All messages regarding the offer documentation should**

**be sent via the Atamis Website:**

health.atamis.co.uk

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**Invitation to offer for Project title: NHS National Framework for the supply of Tocilizumab Injection - 01 March 2026**

**Offer reference number: CM/TNS/25/5723**

**Period of framework: 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2027 with an option or options to extend (at the Authority’s discretion) for a period or periods up to a total of 24 months.**

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**Central Digital Platform**

Suppliers **MUST** be registered on the Central Digital Platform (CDP), submit their up-to-date core supplier information (including basic, financial, connected persons, and exclusion grounds data) to the CDP and share it with the contracting authority via Atamis. Failure to complete registration on the Central Digital Platform will result in the supplier being unable to secure a place on the framework agreement.

[**Central Digital Platform Registration**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fprocurement-act-2023-short-guides%2Fsuppliers-how-to-register-your-organisation-and-first-administrator-on-find-a-tender-in-three-easy-steps-html&data=05%7C02%7Ckatie.noonan%40nhs.net%7Cbbcdb2fb0cb34d4e33a508ddafe8ca0f%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638860136537242128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FhY8hN4rog8KIwTOsibf%2B%2B1%2BYGZtY6bN6cKRSn%2BOUts%3D&reserved=0)

Please be reminded that **from 1st of April 2024 to be successfully awarded a place on a framework agreement or a call off contract for in any MVA procurements you will need to have submitted an Evergreen assessment on the Atamis portal and have a Carbon Reduction Plan in place.**

**Evergreen Assessment -** The requirement to submit an Evergreen assessment is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. You are required to submit an Evergreen assessment to pass. Therefore, if you have not submitted an Evergreen assessment with your tender submission seeking to be appointed to the framework agreement you will fail and will not be able to gain a place on an NHS England medicines framework agreement or be awarded a call off contract under any such framework agreement.

For further information on the policy requirements [please click here.](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sps.nhs.uk%2Farticles%2Fnet-zero-and-social-value-requirements-in-nhse-medicines-tenders%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckatie.noonan%40nhs.net%7Cf237574ba54c4a331f0308dbf5b65d1b%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638373935804650535%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=auE2KJVbABhLa%2Fo3X3LUJDzha4wdRdN0zJq99Y5aKBI%3D&reserved=0)

(Link: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/net-zero-and-social-value-requirements-in-nhse-medicines-tenders/> )

For further technical information on submitting your Evergreen assessment [please click here.](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fnhs-commercial%2Fcentral-commercial-function-ccf%2Fevergreen%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ckatie.noonan%40nhs.net%7Cf237574ba54c4a331f0308dbf5b65d1b%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638373935804806725%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zYUcIxjPcvkcHkZNmr8EEr%2FkdP%2FYy4h5VKoLY2Db1Ns%3D&reserved=0)

(Link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/> )

**Carbon Reduction Plan -** The requirement to have a Carbon Reduction Plan in place is evaluated on a pass/fail basis as described in the Supplier Questionnaire, which sets out the requirements that the Carbon Reduction Plan must meet for a tenderer to pass.

You are required to confirm that you have a Carbon Reduction Plan in place that satisfies the requirements described in the Supplier Questionnaire and to provide a copy of that Carbon Reduction Plan with your tender submission seeking to be appointed to the framework agreement to pass. Therefore, if you have not confirmed that you have a Carbon Reduction Plan in place that satisfies the requirements described in the Supplier Questionnaire and/or provided a copy of that Carbon Reduction Plan with your tender submission seeking to be appointed to the framework agreement you will fail and will not be able to gain a place on an NHS England medicines framework agreement or be awarded a call of contract under any such framework agreement.

For further information on the policy requirements [please click here.](https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/carbon-reduction-plan-requirements-for-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-services-and-works/)

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Bidders should engage internally to ensure that the Atamis account used to submit the bid also includes the active Evergreen assessment, rather than the active Evergreen assessment being included within a separate / duplicate account. Failure to have an active Evergreen assessment on the Atamis account that is used to submit the bid for the purposes of seeking to be appointed to the framework agreement may result in the bid being non-compliant and the bidder being excluded from any further participation in the procurement process.

**Within the framework document, the relevant clauses relating to Evergreen Assessments and Carbon Reduction Plans are contained in Schedule 1 Section 8.**

NHS England (‘Authority’) invites offers for the above-mentioned goods and/or services as defined in Document No.03 Framework Agreement and Terms and Conditions.

Offers shall be made subject to the terms of:

Document No. 01 Invitation to Offer Letter

Document No. 02 Terms of offer

Document No. 03 Framework Agreement and Terms and Conditions

Document No. 04 Quality Assurance Process

Specification Requirements

Document No. 05 Selectt offer schedule instructions

Document No. 05a Selectt offer schedule – CM/TNS/25/5723

Document No. 05b Tender Product Listing & Usage – CM/TNS/25/5723

Document No. 06 Form of offer

Document No. 07 Quality control technical sheet

Document No. 08 Confidential information schedule

Document No. 09 Participating Authorities

Document No. 10 Requirement Section 1. Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ)

all of which constitute this Invitation to offer.

If any of the documents constituting the Invitation to offer are missing, please contact the undersigned immediately via the Atamis messaging portal.

The Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest offer or any offer at all and reserves the right to accept an offer either in whole or in part, each item being for this purpose treated as offered separately. The Authority reserves the right to conclude a framework agreement for the supply of the goods and/or services with more than one Offeror.

I would like to draw your attention to the following important points when completing and submitting your offer:

1. All offers must be written in English.

2. All offers must be submitted subject to and in accordance with all documentation comprising the Invitation to offer. Save where the Offerors are specifically instructed to provide information, the documentation comprising the Invitation to offer must not be amended in any way.

3. All offers must be loaded onto the Medicines Procurement and Supply Chain’s eTendering portal health.atamis.co.uk

4. Offers must be open for acceptance for 90 days from the closing date for tenders.

5. Offers must be fully completed and available on the designated website no later than **13:00** on **Wednesday 5th November 2025.**

I must also draw your attention to the enclosed Form of offer where all the requirements for completing and submitting an offer can be found. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in your offer being rejected.

I hope that the above instructions are clear but please contact the undersigned via the Atamis messaging portal if there is anything you wish to clarify.

Yours sincerely,

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