

- 1. Are there any restrictions on where the Prime contractor is based?**
No; however, it is expected that Suppliers have local knowledge of the area, venues, knowledge of employing local staff, including appointing local qualified professional staff. Higher scores will be awarded to Suppliers demonstrating local knowledge during the evaluation stage of the tender.
- 2. Who are your current incumbents for the logistics in each of the countries?**
LOT 1 Nigeria - African Field Epidemiology Network
LOT 2 Ethiopia - African Field Epidemiology Network
LOT 3 Zambia - In Any Event
- 3. Is there 1 provider for each of these LOTS currently?**
Yes
- 4. Is this a framework contract?**
No
- 5. Does the contract have to be held by a UK company?**
Not necessarily.
- 6. Can we also publish the tender in local media?**
No, the contract will be published in Contracts Finder, Find a Tender Service and by the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office.
- 7. Does the tender process in terms of filling out forms involve the use of Jargon? this may need to be explained.**
Jargon will not be used; however, the questions within the Qualification Envelope of the tender will be in line with Cabinet Office used by UK public sector.
- 8. Considering contexts are different, can you explain some questions in the tender that may not be clear to local bidders?**
Suppliers can seek clarification via the tendering portal during clarification period of the tender stage. The PHE team will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.
- 9. Will we get a copy of these slides?**
Yes, slides were sent on 1 April 2021.
- 10. Are you able to give contact details for those on this call?**
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- 11. What is the value of each of the LOTS?**
To be made available upon publication of the tender.
- 12. Are you looking for an in-country presence?**
Yes
- 13. Could a US company hold the contract, or does it have to be a UK company?**
Any company can hold the contract so long as the supplier is able to deliver the contract within the Lots concerned.
- 14. Is there a requirement to provide the training/material for events?**
Material content will be provided by the IHR Project team, providers may be asked to print materials on behalf of the IHR team.
- 15. Can the contract be awarded to a UK company with a subsidiary company in the country of delivery?**
Yes
- 16. How long will the contracts be for? And is that £100k per month, per year?**

The initial contract will be from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 with an extension clause 1+1+1 (3 years and 9 months in total) subject to funding availability. The amount shared is an indicative amount (i.e contract value for each lot is up to £100k).

17. Is this open to other companies that are not currently offering Logistics for PHE, since you currently have an incumbent in place?

Yes, this contract has an additional requirement which includes Professional Services.

18. Is it compulsory for interested companies to bid for both logistics and professional services together or can be done separately based on capacity?

The interested companies need to fulfil the requirements of the specification, and therefore bid for both logistics and professional services; however, sub-contracting option is available.

19. Is there a deadline for the tender RFP submittal?

Indicative timeline was sent on 1 April 2021, we are now aiming for invitation to tender publication on Friday 30 April 2021