

## **Prior Information Notice – Medical Research Council – Waste Management Services**

### **1. UK Research and Innovation**

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### **2. About Medical Research Council (MRC)**

MRC is at the forefront of scientific discovery to improve human health. Their scientists tackle some of the greatest health problems facing humanity in the 21st century, from the rising tide of chronic diseases associated with ageing to the threats posed by rapidly mutating micro-organisms.

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### **3. Description**

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI) is planning to launch procurement for a Term Service Contract for the provision of Waste Management, for its component Research Council, the Medical Research Council (MRC).

It is the intention to procure Waste Management Services for the following MRC sites:

MRC Harwell Institute  
Harwell Campus  
Oxfordshire  
OX11 0RD

The below sites at this stage are provisional and there is currently no commitment as to whether these sites will be bundled into the tender opportunity however, the Contracting Authority would like to explore the benefits of bundling these sites together.

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology  
Francis Crick Avenue  
Cambridge Biomedical Campus  
Cambridge  
CB2 0QH

MRC ARES Building  
Babraham Institute Facility

CB22 3AT

The Contract duration is 3 years with the option to extend for 12 months.

The annual contract value for LMB & ARES is £150,000.00 ex VAT and the annual value for the Harwell Institute is £80,000.00 ex VAT.

The Contracting Authority wish to appoint a single Contractor capable of delivering a fully integrated and seamless commercial waste management and recycling service.

We are very significantly looking for our waste partner to demonstrate their approach to using the waste hierarchy and furthermore maximising re-use, repurpose and recycling and providing opportunities to improve sustainability outcomes and would therefore appreciate any feedback that suppliers can provide during this session on how this can be considered further.

**The Waste Streams encompassed within this Contract for Harwell will be:**

- Clinical (180203, 180201 and 180202)
- General landfill
- Mixed Recycling (card, paper, glass, plastic- HDPE and PET, aluminium and steel cans)
- Hazardous (160506)
- Offensive waste (180203)
- WEEE
- Fridges and freezers
- Food Waste for composting
- Wood waste (pallets)
- Chemical and solvent lab smalls (160506)
- Radioactive waste (low level isotopes p32, s35, tritium uranyl acetate, C14)
- Batteries (160601, 160602)
- Heat treated polystyrene (via polymelt system)
- General building waste including rubble, furniture

**The Waste Streams encompassed within this Contract for LMB will be (if included in this tender opportunity):**

- General waste
- Mixed Dry recycling
- waste wood, pallets. Packing cases etc
- Waste Ethidium Bromide 5%
- Mixed Solvent Waste (flammable, chlorinated & non-chlorinated)
- Chemical waste
- Mixed Glass recycling
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Gas canisters, Propane Power Packs
- Contaminated glass
- Sharps Waste
- Clinical waste (18-02-02\* / 18-02-03\*)
- Cytotoxic / Cytostatic Waste
- Anatomical waste

- Fly waste, Drosophila
- Feminine Hygiene Disposal
- Nickel Metal Hydride Batteries
- Lithium Batteries
- Nickel Cadmium Batteries
- Used Batteries (household)
- Empty Glass Winchesters
- WEEE
- Compacted polystyrene briquettes
- General building waste including rubble, furniture
- Food Waste for bio digestion
- Fridges and freezers

At this stage the Contracting Authority envisage a single contract for both the Harwell Institute and LMB & ARES however this is not yet finalised, and we are seeking further input from the market on the contract structure at the Supplier Engagement Session.

#### **4. Supplier Engagement Session**

MRC would like to invite potential bidders to a supplier engagement session. There will be an opportunity to learn about the requirement, open floor questions, and to understand the working environment, diversity and potential of this requirement. In particular the Contracting Authority want to understand further the potential options for pricing mechanisms and understand any constrictions there may be with using an NEC Short Form Term Service Contract.

It is the intention to appoint one contractor to deliver waste management services respectively for a period of 3 years, with a possible extension of +1 year periods from commencement of the Contract.

The supplier day will take place virtually on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 11:00am to 13:00pm via Microsoft Teams. The supplier day will last approximately two hours, comprising the following:

- Overview of the Facilities and requirements
- Open floor Q&A
- Individual Q&A 'surgery' (as time allows and as appropriate and if required)

Useful feedback from the day and Q&A sessions may be used to inform the tender documentation, ensuring all valid options are considered so as to ensure the tender documentation takes into consideration market considerations that may be prevalent.

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice is not a Call for Competition; a Contract Notice will be issued as a call for competition. Not registering an interest shall not prevent any supplier participating in a future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the preliminary market consultation shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Please note that the structure of this procurement is not yet finalised, the structure of this Contract will be determined as a result of the engagement process and will be confirmed within the Contract Notice.

This Prior Information Notice is being issued in order to undertake a market consultation exercise with regards to the current view of requirements detailed above. If you believe that



this will be of interest to you and your organisation, please register your interest by sending an email to the following email address: [fmprocurement@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:fmprocurement@uksbs.co.uk)

Space is limited on the supplier day, and attendance is restricted to 3 people per supplier. We would request that attendance is restricted to key members of your organisation that would have a keen interest in this project and be able to add value to the discussions that will take place.

By registering and attending you will be engaging in non-competitive dialogue which will enable MRC to develop and assess the market's appetite, concerns, and views on formulation of its requirements.

UKRI may consider the information and responses received as part of the preliminary market consultation to help inform the specification and further decision making in relation to the planning and conduct of the proposed procurement.

Please register with the above email address by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 11:00am for absolute clarity the Supplier day will take place via Zoom, further details will be shared upon your expression of interest.