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## Contract notice

### Services

#### Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

#### **Section I: Contracting authority**

##### I.1) **Name and addresses**

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NUTS code: UKM95

##### **Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement/>

##### I.2) **Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

##### I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

##### I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

##### I.5) **Main activity**

Other activity: International Development

#### **Section II: Object**

##### II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

###### II.1.1) **Title:**

Accelerating the Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ASCEND)

Reference number: 8374

###### II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

75211200

###### II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

###### II.1.4) **Short description:**

Accelerating the Sustainable Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ASCEND) will be a DFID centrally managed programme to provide up to £200 million over the period April 2019 to March 2022. This will support the control and elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in approximately 20 high burden countries. The focus will be on Five NTDs: lymphatic filariasis; onchocerciasis; schistosomiasis; visceral leishmaniasis and trachoma. The programme split between 2 geographical Lots will be delivered in Southern Asia & East Africa (£100m) and Western & Central Africa (£100m). DFID reserves the right to extend the programme for a further 18 months up to an additional £50m for each Lot.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 300 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Lot 1 Southern Asia and East Africa

Lot 2 Western and Central Africa

Lots will be evaluated separately but tenderers bidding for both Lots will be expected to deliver efficiencies, economies of scale and synergies if successful in being awarded both individual Lots.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Southern Asia and East Africa

Lot No: 1

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

85100000 - RA08

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

Main site or place of performance:

Southern Asia and East Africa (Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia)

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Lot 1 is for NTDs services in a number of countries (Bangladesh; Ethiopia; India; Kenya; Malawi; Mozambique; Nepal; South Sudan; Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia.)

The contract is for 36 months with the possibility of extending for a further 18 months. The programme will (i) prevent new infections (ii) Treat infected people (iii) Provide long term care (iv) Build systems for sustainability (v) contributing to the global evidence base to improve effectiveness of NTD programmes. Lot 1 value is for £100m with the potential to extend for up to a further £50m should additional funds be made available. This figure will include all applicable taxes. The contract will provide programme management services to coordinate project activities such as Mass Drug Administration, intensified disease management, Baseline surveys, TAS, surveillance, Training, Advocacy, Integration, communications, treatments, operational research supporting implementation challenges and any other programme specific activities.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 150 000 000.00 GBP

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start: 01/04/2019

End: 31/03/2022

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This contract includes an extension option for Lot 1 for an additional 18 months. The total contract duration, including option to extend, will be 54 months.

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues****II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

**II.2.14) Additional information**

This is a flexible and adaptive programme that will depend on the context and disease burden of each of the countries in scope and may be likely to change.

**II.2) Description****II.2.1) Title:**

Western and Central Africa

Lot No: 2

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

85100000 - RA08

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

Main site or place of performance:

Western and Central Africa (Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, CAR, Benin, Sierra Leone)

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement:**

Lot 2 is for NTDs services in a number of countries (Burkina Faso; Chad; Cote d'Ivoire; DRC; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea Bissau; Liberia; Niger; Nigeria (CAR; Benin, Sierra Leone))

The contract is for 36 months with the possibility of extending for a further 18 months. The programme will (i) prevent new infections (ii) Treat infected people (iii) Provide long term care(iv) Build systems for sustainability (v) contributing to the global evidence base to improve effectiveness of NTD programmes. Lot 2 value is for £100m with the potential to extend for up to a further £50m should additional funds be made available. This figure will include all applicable taxes. The contract will provide programme management services to coordinate project activities such as Mass Drug Administration, intensified disease management, Baseline surveys, TAS, surveillance, Training, Advocacy, Integration, communications, treatments, operational research supporting implementation challenges and any other programme specific activities.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 150 000 000.00 GBP

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start: 01/04/2019

End: 31/03/2022

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

This contract includes an extension option for Lot 2 for an additional 18 months. The total contract duration, including option to extend, will be 54 months.

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues****II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

**II.2.14) Additional information**

This is a flexible and adaptive programme that will depend on the context and disease burden of each of the countries in scope and may be likely to change.

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information****III.1) Conditions for participation****III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

Bidders must have the appropriate licences (if required) to operate in any given countries in scope

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts****III.2) Conditions related to the contract****III.2.1) Information about a particular profession****III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:**

refer to contract documents

**III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract****Section IV: Procedure****IV.1) Description****IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system****IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue****IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction****IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2) **Administrative information**

IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 187-382839](#)

IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 16/11/2018

Local time: 14:00

IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 16/11/2018

Local time: 14:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The Authority expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. Procurement documents can be accessed through the DFID Supplier Portal (<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>)

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Gerry O'Connor, Department for International Development  
Eaglesham Road  
East Kilbride  
G75 8EA  
United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Gerry O'Connor, Department for International Development  
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East Kilbride  
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VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

27/09/2018