



Date: 21/02/2018

Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure

Subject: “Training workshop on laboratory diagnosis for toxin producing *Corynebacterium species* (*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, *Corynebacterium ulcerans* and *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*)”, Ref. NP/2018/OCS/8450

Short description

To uphold a high level of laboratory preparedness and strengthen the microbiological expertise across Europe for diphtheria species as defined in the EU Case Definition for diphtheria (2012/506/EU) through a laboratory training workshop, with the aim to assist national reference laboratories in improving specific methods used in the External Quality Assessment (EQA) and in overcoming difficulties encountered. To support cooperation between national reference laboratories for diphtheria in order to ensure surveillance data comparability in EU/EEA Member States.

Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure below 60,000 EUR with a minimum of 3 candidates, through which ECDC may award the above-mentioned contract.

All economic operators interested in providing the services described above should express their interest before **9/03/2018, 16h00 CET**, by e-mail to tenders@ecdc.europa.eu with the same subject reference as indicated above.

In their expression of interest interested economic operators should demonstrate their ability to provide the relevant services and provide the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Contact person
- E-mail
- Description of main area of business/expertise (max 500 words)

This information will be taken into account by ECDC in order to identify potential candidates.

The Request for Offers and related documents will be provided by e-mail only to the identified candidates.

Please note that ECDC reserves the right not to launch the negotiated procedure.