

08 May 2019

Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure

Subject: "Diphtheria EQA" NP/2019/OCS/10545

Short description

The purpose of this assignment will be to design and implement an EU-wide External Quality Assessment (EQA) in order to assess and improve the EU/EEA Member States' capacity for laboratory performance in diagnosis of diphtheria infections and characterisation of toxigenic *Corynebacterium* against international standards.

Description of the procedure:

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

All economic operators established in the European Union, European Economic Area and Stabilisation and Association Agreements countries who are interested in providing the services described above should express their interest before **27 May 2019, 16h00 (local time Sweden)**, 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. ECDC may not invite all interested economic operators.

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.

For candidates established in the United Kingdom (UK): please be aware that after the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the rules of access to EU procurement procedures of economic operators established in third countries will apply to candidates from the UK depending on the outcome of the negotiations. In case such access is not provided by legal provisions in force candidates from the UK could be rejected from the procurement procedure.