

Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure

Subject: “Comparison of whole genome sequences of West Nile viruses detected in Europe between 2017 and 2019” – NP/2019/OCS/10614

Short description

With this project, ECDC would like to support scientific studies on the genetic characterisation of West Nile virus (WNV) to better understand the circulation of the virus in Europe and consequently to strengthen surveillance and response activities. Whole genome sequences of WNVs detected in human and animal hosts and mosquito vectors in Europe in 2017-2019 will be determined and compared with each other and with additional complete genome sequences available in public databases. The results of this project will help to describe the potential genetic variation of WNV amongst countries/regions and hosts. Analysis may also identify potential markers of virulence. The duration of this project is six months.

- WNVs detected in samples collected between 2017 and 2019 will be included, in order to avoid any evolutionary effect.
- WNV sequences of human (symptomatic and asymptomatic cases), equine, bird, and mosquito origins will be included.
- Preferably, strains from all European countries affected by WNV activity in 2018 should be included, but at least from five Member States.

Description of the procedure:

This ex-ante publicity is the first stage of a negotiated procurement procedure **below 60,000 Euros 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 21/01/2019, 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.