

Ex-ante publicity notice in negotiated procurement procedure

Subject: "Sentinel surveillance of hepatitis B and C in the EU/EEA – feasibility assessment, protocol development and pilot" – NP/2019/OCS/10528

Short description

ECDC is planning to set up a sentinel surveillance system to collect certain epidemiological data on hepatitis B and C in the EU/EEA. This project includes a feasibility assessment, development of a protocol for sentinel surveillance, and a pilot of one or more sites to test the data collection as proposed in the protocol.

The main aim of the proposed sentinel surveillance system is to collect a limited set of detailed, high quality epidemiological data on hepatitis B and C cases to provide a clearer understanding of the epidemiology and of the response (e.g. testing, treatment failures, re-infection, etc.) to these epidemics in EU/EEA countries. A fuller understanding of trends in disease transmission mode, risk groups affected, testing practices and treatment should enable countries to better target public health interventions and achieve the elimination goals.

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 8/3/2019, 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.

¹ Date of dispatch to PBO

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.