

**Market Consultation**

***Laboratory QA software tool for hrHPV testing***

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## Definitions

All words, written with a capital in this Request for Proposal and the Agreement, will have the meaning as set out below.

Contracting authority (after award: FSB):

The contracting party, Facilitaire Samenwerking Bevolkingsonderzoek (hereafter: FSB), who are inviting suitable Tenderers to participate in this procurement process. FSB is acting as the central purchasing body on behalf of the Screeningorganisations.

FSB provides informationtechnology, information management, contractmanagement and procurement services for the five Screeningorganisations in the Netherlands. The Screening-organisations are responsible for the coordination of the screening of breastcancer, bowel cancer and cervical cancer. Quality assurance of these screening is also their responsibility and for the cervical cancer, this is quality assurance for the hrHPV test. The Screeningorganisations employ a national reference officer for quality assurance. This officer will be the contactperson for the Tenderer to whom the Contract will be awarded.

Economic Operator:

A company who participates in this Market Consultation.

Public Procurement Act 2012:

Act for the regulation of Public Procurement procedures in the Netherlands, applicable from 1 July 2016.

Market Consultation:

This document and any subsequent clarifications and this procedure which objectives have been set out in paragraph 1.2.

hrHPV-test:

A complete set to test for HPV comprising automated and clinically validated DNA-PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) –systems. This consists of all necessary equipment including hardware and software, testkits, reagens, disposables, materials for analysis and (possible) calibration materials. This complete set covers augmenting the moners up and to detection of the virus and appraisal of the results.

Information notice:

The document containing anonymised questions asked by potential tenderers, together with the answers given by the Contracting authority. It includes any amendments/additions to this Request for Proposal, and forms an integral and binding part of it. The information notice with the most recent date prevails over an information notice of an earlier date.

Screening Organisation:

Regional coördination of national screening programmes is in the hands of 5 regional screening organisations (SOs). The SOs are responsible for ensuring that screening is carried out properly. All are ISO certified. The SOs also contract the laboratories where assessment takes place.

Screeninglaboratory/laboratories:

The 5 Screeninglaboratories which analyse the specimen for hrHPV and other possible cytological deviations at the behest of the Contracting authority.

QA software tool for hrHPV testing (hereafter QA software tool):

A software tool in support of the hrHPV Quality Control program as part of the screening activities of the laboratories.

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Summary

FSB is planning to start a (public) procurement procedure for a QA software tool FSB intends using this market consultation to prepare for the (public) procurement procedure of this tool. The aim of this consultation is to establish potential interest from Economic operators and to define FSB's procurement strategy. After the Market Consultation exercise has been completed and a decision has been made with regard to the procurement strategy for these services, the results of this consultation will be used as input to the public procurement procedure for a QA software tool.

### 1.2. Objective of the Market Consultation

The goals of FSB's Market Consultation towards a (public) procurement procedure for a QA software tool are the following:

- To gain understanding of which Economic Operators can offer a QA software tool as requested by FSB, in its entirety or partially;
- To obtain advice and insight into the best way of implementing and sourcing these services.

## 2. Contracting authority

### 2.1. Facilitaire Samenwerking Bevolkingsonderzoek (Dutch Screening Organisations)

The Dutch screening organisations, there are five, have organised their procurement of e.g. ICT development, support and maintenance in a co-operation. This co-operation is Facilitaire Samenwerking Bevolkingsonderzoeken (hereafter: FSB).

More information on the screening organisations can be found at:  
[http://www.rivm.nl/en/Topics/C/Cervical\\_cancer\\_screening\\_programme](http://www.rivm.nl/en/Topics/C/Cervical_cancer_screening_programme).

General information on the primary hrHPV screening for cervical cancer can be found at:  
[www.bevolkingsonderzoekbaarmoederhalskanker.nl](http://www.bevolkingsonderzoekbaarmoederhalskanker.nl). This information is in Dutch only.

### 2.2. Background information

The National Institute for Public Health (RIVM) introduced primary hrHPV screening for cervical cancer in the Netherlands in January of this year. The laboratory activities for the Dutch hrHPV screening program are performed in 5 regionally distributed laboratories (screening sites). An integrated Quality Assurance program has been developed and is part of the laboratory screenings. A QA software tool is required in support of the Quality Control program.

### 2.3. Timetable

The timetable below, provides an overview of the key stages and dates in this Market Consultation. The Contracting authority reserves the right to change these dates as necessary, although it will seek to minimise any changes.

Activity	Date
Publish Market Consultation	27 July 2017
Submission of questions	28 August 2017
Publish information notice	31 August 2017
Submission of answers to Market Consultation	12 September 2017, 14.00u
Assessing answers and establish procurement strategy	12 September - 15 September 2017
Dates for discussion of submission (if so requested by FSB)	18 - 19 September 2017
Estimated start of (public) procurement procedure	2 October 2017
Estimated end of (public) procurement procedure, based on a European public procurement procedure	31 December 2017
Estimated date for Contracting	1 January 2018
Go live QA software tool	End of Q1 2018

### 3. Market Consultation Procedure

#### 3.1. Contactpersons

All communication in this Market Consultation will be conducted exclusively by the contactpersons as mentioned below. This is to provide a complete audit trail of communications, fair play, and consistency for all, and to ensure certainty in document exchange.

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#### 3.2. Participation

In order to participate in this Market Consultation, interested Economic Operators should submit the questionnaire with their answers and if necessary, additional information.

#### 3.3. Responses

Economic Operators should submit their written responses to all questions of the Market Consultation questionnaire, no later than the date as set out in paragraph 2.3. Your response (the answers to the questionnaire) can be mailed through TenderNed or, if you do not have a TenderNed account, you can mail your answer to [b.epema@mitopics.nl](mailto:b.epema@mitopics.nl). After assessment of the responses, FSB may invite Economic Operators to discuss their submission with FSB. The proposed dates for these sessions are 18 – 19 September 2017.

The responses and results of the interactive sessions will be used to further define the scope and approach of the (public) procurement procedure for the QA software tool.

### **3.4. Terms and Conditions**

Please note that this Market Consultation does not constitute any obligation for FSB to start a (public) procurement procedure or maintain the current scope. FSB reserves the right to terminate this Market Consultation at any time. Economic Operators not participating in this Market Consultation will not be disadvantaged should any (public) procurement process be pursued. As courtesy to the Economic Operators who participate, FSB will make them aware of the startdate of a public procurement procedure, should FSB decide to pursue such a procedure.

### **3.5. Language**

Economic Operators may submit their responses and communicate with FSB in Dutch or in English.

### **3.6. Procedure steps**

Summary of procedure steps and dates:

- Economic Operator downloads questionnaire from TenderNed, in case Economic Operator does not have an account, a request for the questionnaire can be mailed to [b.epema@mitopics.nl](mailto:b.epema@mitopics.nl);
- Economic Operator submits responses to questionnaire no later than 12 September 2017, 14.00u;
- **Optional:** FSB invites Economic Operator for interactive discussion session on 18 – 19 September 2017.