African Pooled Procurement Mechanism (APPM)

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT(S) FOR THE SUPPLY OF APPM PRIORITY HEALTH PRODUCTS

INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE (SPN)
REQUEST FOR BIDS | RFB NO: ACDC/APPM/RFB/002
ISSUED ON: 11 November 2026
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 9 December 2026, 15:00 East Africa Time (EAT)

Background

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), a specialised public health institution of the African Union (AU), invites eligible international manufacturers of health products, and their authorised suppliers, distributors or agents, to submit bids for the establishment of Framework Agreements under the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism (APPM).

The Framework Agreements may be used for:

- pooled procurement by Africa CDC;
- orders by AU Member States under APPM arrangements;
- emergency and outbreak response; and
- supply security, with more than one supplier per product where appropriate.

They will run for an initial period of **two (2) years**, with a possible extension of up to **three (3) years**.

Products open for bidding

The APPM Priority Products List comprises **172 products** in three Product Groups:

- (A) Essential Medicines
- (B) Diagnostics
- (C) Personal Protective Equipment / Medical Consumables

Bidders may bid for one or more products in one or more Product Groups (Appendix A of the RFB).

Eligibility and qualification

- International manufacturers with production facilities outside AU Member States, and their authorised suppliers, of any nationality (African manufacturers are covered by a separate RFB);
- not debarred, suspended or sanctioned by the African Union;
- average annual turnover over the last three years of at least USD 3,000,000 (Group A), USD 2,000,000 (Group B) or USD 1,000,000 (Group C);
- at least two contracts for the same Product Group in the last three years;
- manufacturer's authorisation (where the bidder is not the manufacturer), and the regulatory and quality requirements of the RFB for each product.

Platform registration and bid submission

Interested bidders shall:

1. Register on the APPM e-Procurement platform;
2. Create a bidder account;
3. Download the Request for Bids (free of charge);
4. Complete the bidding forms for each product bid;
5. Upload the required supporting documentation;
6. Submit the bid electronically through the APPM e-Procurement platform before the deadline.

Bids submitted by email or after the deadline will not be accepted. Bids will be opened electronically through the e-Procurement platform immediately after the deadline.

Key bid information

- Bid security: not required
- Bid validity: 120 days from the deadline
- Currency: United States Dollars (USD)
- Price basis: FCA (Incoterms 2020)

APPM Online e-Procurement Platform

https://appm.africacdc.org/

Clarification Requests

Requests for clarification must be submitted **through the APPM online e-Procurement platform**, no later than 14 days before the submission deadline. Requests sent by email will not be considered. Responses and any addenda will be published on the platform.

Important Notice: a Framework Agreement does not constitute a purchase order, a guarantee of business allocation or a minimum purchase commitment. Purchases are made only through individual call-off contracts.

Africa CDC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, conduct due diligence and site inspections, and establish Framework Agreements with more than one bidder per product, in accordance with the applicable AU procurement procedures and public health priorities.

The address referred to above is:
Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
APPM Directorate, Supply Chain Division
Lafto Square, Haile Garment,
Africa CDC Office, Zuma Building, 4th floor, Room No. 408
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Online e-Procurement platform: https://appm.africacdc.org/ (requests for clarification and bids are submitted only through the platform)

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