

## **UK GI Strategy procurement – update**

This note is to provide an update on progress towards the procurement of the UK GI Strategy since Vanessa Lawrence's email of 3 February 2006. In that email you will recall, Vanessa explained the scope of the strategy being procured, and the preparation of a shortlist of tenderers for the work.

Subsequent to that email, a subset of GI Panel members agreed to form the GI Strategy Development Group, namely Cheryl Miller, Michael Kell, Nick Rigby and Jim Meldrum, working together with Vanessa Lawrence and Hugh Buchanan.

The Group has now agreed and issued an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the work which has been issued to the shortlist earlier this week. A copy of that ITT is being circulated to the GI Panel for information.

As you will see, tenderers have until 31 March to submit their bids, with the intention that those bids will be evaluated and the contract awarded by 17 April.

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