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Future opportunity

UKEF General Aerospace Legal Panel (GALP)

Department for International Trade

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for International Trade

London

Email

galp@trade.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-trade>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-export-finance>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKEF General Aerospace Legal Panel (GALP)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Department for International Trade (DIT), on behalf of UK Export Finance (UKEF) as Contracting Authority, intends to put in place a panel for the provision of services of external legal counsel to advise in relation to the financial support that UKEF provides to the aerospace and defence sector.

In general terms, advice will relate to transactions for the financing of:

- Airbus aircraft where legal counsel is not otherwise procured from a separate panel established jointly by UKEF and the French and German Export Credit Agencies;

- aircraft produced by other manufacturers (e.g., Boeing); and

- aircraft engines and other aerospace assets and services.

This includes restructuring and post-issue work relating to such transactions.

DIT and UKEF intend to hold joint market engagement in February 2021 with suppliers who express an interest in potentially bidding for a place of the panel.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Key specialisms are likely to include the following:

- Aviation Finance (including the financing of Airbus and Boeing commercial jets, Roll-Royce (and other) aircraft engines and other aerospace assets and exports);

- Export Credit Agency (ECA) financing;
- Capital markets, derivative and hedging;
- Sanctions and financial regulation;
- Islamic finance;
- International law and UKEF's statutory framework as they relate aircraft financing;
- Advice on all stages of export finance transactions;
- Remedial/financial distress events;
- Dispute resolution;
- Advice on the domestic law of different jurisdictions in the context of UKEF support for the aerospace and defence sector and/or actual or potential disputes.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please express your interest in participating in market engagement by emailing galp@trade.gov.uk by 4th February 2021. Please include 'GALP - Market Engagement EOI' as your email subject heading. Further details can be provided to you. Your email must clearly state:

- the name of your organisation;
- contact details;
- base location (city) for the individual(s) who will be participating.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 May 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes