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## **The Provision of a private sector partner for the Accelerated Capability Environment**

Home Office

F01: Prior information notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

**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**

Public order and safety

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

The Provision of a private sector partner for the Accelerated Capability Environment

Reference number

C19638

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to alert potential suppliers to an opportunity and to elicit clarification questions regarding the design of the future Private Sector Partner (PSP) contract for the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in relation to the Home Office's Accelerated Capability Environment (ACE). Potential

suppliers wishing to engage with the Authority for this opportunity are invited to register their interest up to the PIN expiry on Friday 12th February 2021 at 17:00 GMT.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The PSP requirement is for a supplier to work closely with the Authority, on the client side to establish and oversee delivery of project commissions. This combined capability makes up ACE.A prospectus describing the requirement will be made available from Monday 18th January 2021 at 10:00 GMT to potential suppliers who register an interest against this PIN.

Potential suppliers are able submit written clarification questions, based on the contents of the prospectus, at any point up to the PIN expiry date and time on Friday 12th February 2021 at 17:00 GMT. However, potential suppliers are requested and encouraged to submit questions by Monday 25th January 2021 at 12:00 GMT for early Authority consideration and review.

The Authority may hold bilateral meetings with some of the potential suppliers who have submitted one or more questions, in order to further clarify the meaning and motivation for the questions submitted. This will allow the Authority to respond to questions through a summary document which will be provided to potential suppliers to any subsequent Contract Notice published for this opportunity. Any bilateral meetings with potential

suppliers are likely to be held between the 28th January 2021 and 9th February 2021. The Authority currently intends to issue a Contract Notice for the PSP opportunity in March 2021.

ACE has been set up by the Home Office to help the public sector to explore and find innovative solutions to mission-oriented problem statements through managed collaboration with an open but managed 'ecosystem' of providers. These providers are drawn from the private sector, academia and third sector. This PIN is not for the opportunity to join the ecosystem as a provider.

Potential providers interested in joining ACE's ecosystem today are encouraged to visit [www.vivace.tech](http://www.vivace.tech) to understand more and make contact by registering their interest. A member of the team will get in touch and explain the next steps.

A key part of the PSP's services will be to engage the ecosystem of potential suppliers to explore and develop potential solutions to problem statements developed by users of ACE, through projects (known as 'commissions'). The PSP will also be expected to keep the membership of the provider ecosystem under review so that it can always collectively supply the breadth and depth of contemporary products, services and know-how which will provide competitive, cost-effective, timely and innovative insights and solutions to these commissions.

Users (or 'customers') of ACE are from, but not limited to, the public sector. The PSP will be expected to manage the overall delivery of these customers' commissions, fulfilled by combined provider teams drawn from the ecosystem, assuring this delivery to the satisfaction of ACE and its customers, noting the ecosystem providers are expected to be responsible for the supply of the subject matter of the commissioned work (e.g. products, know-how and services).

The PSP will further be expected to act as a neutral party, when engaging with the ecosystem, enabling ACE's customers to access a wide variety of providers to explore and develop potential solutions for their problem statements. Once selected, to protect this neutrality, it is expected that the organisation which establishes the PSP will not be permitted to participate in the provider ecosystem.

To carry out these delivery management and assurance activities, the PSP will be expected to bring together a multi-disciplinary team covering, but not limited to, the disciplines of project management, delivery assurance, supply chain relationship management and delivery quality assurance.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 March 2021

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Authority will be using a Portal to manage expressions of interest and all communications will be made through the Portal:

<https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

If you wish to register an interest, please send a message via the Portal , clearly stating 'PSP expression of interest' in the subject line including the following information:

- Name of Contact;
- Name of Organisation;
- Outline description of the organisation;
- Details of the organisation's website providing further information about their activities;
- Contact's email address; and
- Contact's telephone number.

This PIN is released for market sounding purposes only. This PIN does not formally signify the beginning of any procurement exercise by the authority, nor does it constitute a commitment by the authority to undertake a procurement. However, in the event that the authority decides to formally commence a procurement pursuant to this PIN, a separate contract notice will be published. If a separate contract notice is published the authority may rely on the publication of this notice to utilise the minimum time-frames permissible for the receipt of tenders and stages of a procurement.