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Home Office - Digital Data & Technology (DDaT)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision and Support of the 101 Single Non-Emergency Number (SNEN)

Reference number

C19530

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64211000 - Public-telephone services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Home Office (HO) intends to undertake a procurement process to appoint a suitable body to manage, operate and administer the 101 Single Non-Emergency Number. The provider will be responsible for the set-up, maintenance and up-keep, development to maximise value for money, and suitable provision of resilience of the national components of the service. The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to alert potential suppliers to an opportunity and to elicit clarification questions regarding the 101 service.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £55,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

UK-Any Region

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The Authority would also welcome views on the approaches to overcome these challenges presented around identifying caller location information to the end call handlers in the context of VOIP, SIP trunking and the sunsetting of PSTN.

The Authority places high value on Social Value and welcomes views on how social values could be applied to the delivery and management of the 101 SNEN service.

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Any other questions can be directed to PPPTcommercial@homeoffice.gov.uk and will be addressed at the market day.

Closing date for expressing interest in attending the market engagement event will be 26th January 2021.

II.2.14) Additional information

A document of Description of Requirements and anticipated Service Level Agreements is available on request from PPPTcommercial@homeoffice.gov.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

29 April 2022

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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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Authority will be using Home Office's eSourcing 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 'SNEN 101 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.