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Planning

Heathrow IRC Operator Services

Home Office

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Scope

Reference

Heathrow IRC Operator Services / project_18030

Description

The Authority is responsible, under statutory obligations including the Immigration Act 1971, the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the Nationality Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 and the Immigration Act 2014, for detaining and/or enforcing the removal of certain persons.

Heathrow Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) is Europe's largest immigration detention facility providing a contracted capacity of 1,093 beds, and is made up of two sites, Harmondsworth (754 beds) and Colnbrook (339 beds). Heathrow IRC accepts around 12,000 detained individuals every year and provides crucial strategic and operational benefits to the Home Office.

The Authority is seeking a commercial partner to operate the Heathrow Immigration Removal Centre, with the required services including but not limited to:

- a) security services;
- b) canteen and catering services;
- c) special-purpose road passenger-transport services;
- d) guard services;
- e) building and facilities management services;
- f) grounds maintenance services;
- g) education and training services;
- h) accommodation cleaning services;
- i) recreational, cultural and sporting services;
- j) religious services;
- k) accommodation services;
- l) housekeeping services; and
- m) administration, defence and social security services.

The potential length of contract will be 10 years from service commencement, with a core term of 6 years and options to extend for up to a further 4 years. This contract covers the operation of the site at the stated capacity of 1,093, with a total estimated contract value of £901.5m excluding VAT for the full 10 years.

The content of this PPN, including the nature of services and estimated value, may be subject to change.

How to apply:

The Home Office eSourcing is used for sourcing activities. Please follow the steps below to register your interest:

1. To express an interest, participants must first be registered on the Home Office eSourcing Suite. If you have not yet registered, this can be done online at <https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html> by following the Register Here Link . Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun

and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering and who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.

2. Email: HeathrowIRCreprocurementproject@homeoffice.gov.uk

Title of email: Heathrow IRC Procurement - Expression of Interest

Email to include: Organisation name, Contact name, E-mail address and telephone number.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Home Office is inviting Expressions of Interest exclusively from organisations intending to act as the prime Supplier for the operation of the Heathrow Immigration Removal Centre (IRC) and the full complement of associated services. While the appointed prime Supplier may engage subcontractors across elements of the service delivery, submissions will only be considered from entities assuming full responsibility as the prime Supplier.

Once the above steps are completed, documents will be made available via the portal, subject to parties signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

Total value (estimated)

- £901,500,000 excluding VAT
- £1,081,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2028 to 31 March 2034
- Possible extension to 31 March 2038
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

Contract length of an initial 6 years with the option to extend 1 or more times for a total maximum extension period of up to 4-years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79710000 - Security services
- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services
- 60130000 - Special-purpose road passenger-transport services
- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services
- 79713000 - Guard services
- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 90911100 - Accommodation cleaning services
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 98131000 - Religious services
- 98341000 - Accommodation services
- 98341110 - Housekeeping services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 March 2026

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

3 March 2026, 10:00am

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2027

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Contracting authority

Home Office

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWGC-6513-PQLZ

2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

United Kingdom

Contact name: IRC Procurement Team

Email: HeathrowIRCreprocurementproject@homeoffice.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.gov.uk/home-office>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government