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Planning

Safeguarding Children Overseas

Ministry of Defence

F16: Prior information notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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General address of the contracting authority/entity

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Further information

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

Section II: Object

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

Safeguarding Children Overseas

II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: Yes

II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services

The Authority requires access to designated health professionals that are able to provide expert advice 24/7, 365 days a year in relation to the Authority's overseas child safeguarding arrangement.

Requirements

24/7 'reachback' provision, broken down as follows:

Advisory Role:

- Provision of specialist paediatric advice (level 5 child safeguarding expertise) and support to Defence professionals (and those contracted by Defence) across the health and social work community overseas with regard to safeguarding/child protection. Advice to include assessment, treatment and clinical services for all forms of child maltreatment

Clinical Role:

- Provision of paediatric child protection medical assessments where there has been a disclosure or there is a suspicion of any form of abuse to a child (completed in line with good practice service delivery standards)
- Provision of child protection medical reports (completed in accordance with the guidance in the RCPCH Child Protection Companion)
- Provision of child protection radiological investigations (completed in accordance with the Joint RCR and SCoR guidance 2018)
- Provision of a 2nd opinion on medical assessments and radiological investigations undertaken by host nation medical facilities

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
No

VI.2) Additional information

This Request for Information (RFI) has been issued in order to better understand the market. The Authority is inviting interested parties to provide details on their capacity and capability in this field along with a proposed delivery model and likely costings for such provision.

The Authority is looking to host individual MS Teams sessions with interested providers to aid its understanding of the market. The MS Teams sessions shall be held week commencing 7th February 2022 (timings to be confirmed with individual parties).

If you wish to engage with the Authority regarding this RFI, please email kelvin.edwards109@mod.gov.uk with the following information:

- a. Company Name
- b. Brief description of your Company
- c. Details of capacity and capability in this field
- d. Point of Contact details

Information you provide to the Authority in response to this RFI will be handled in-confidence. By submitting a response to this RFI you are giving the Authority permission to keep and use the information for our internal purposes. The Authority shall not use or disclose the information for any other purpose, without first requesting permission to do so.

Any and all costs associated with the production of a response either to this RFI, attendance at the MS Teams session, or any resultant competition shall be borne by the provider. The Authority shall not contribute in any way to meeting the cost of any response.

This RFI is not a means to seek formal expressions of interest - Should the Authority decide to progress with the requirement, a Contract Notice shall be issued that references

this RFI. Should a potential provider decide not to respond to the RFI, it shall not affect any participation in any possible future procurement for this requirement.

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.