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SMART Digital & Productivity Accelerator

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Gwasanaethau Caffael Corfforaethol / Corporate Procurement Services, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park

Caerdydd / Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

Email

cpsprocurementadvice@gov.wales

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.wales/>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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

SMART Digital & Productivity Accelerator

Reference number

C117/2024/2025

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Client is seeking to engage with quality providers to deliver a service that will provide industry specific diagnostics and specialised support to organisations in Wales. To enable and support Welsh organisations to improve productivity and accelerate NPD through embracing digital technologies, employing an Industry 5.0 approach to create a more resilient and sustainable business base.

The service will cover two types of specialist support:

- Advice on Digital methods for improving Productivity
- Advice on Digital methods for accelerating New Product Development

The main objectives of the service are:

To support Welsh organisations as directed by the Welsh Government, who wish to improve their understanding and use of digital technologies and productivity tools, by introducing relevant actions, technology and expertise.

To introduce new and enhanced digital activities in key areas to support organisations to develop and commercialise new and improved products and processes.

The service will also introduce organisations to the Well-being of Future Generations explaining the relevance of the Sustainable Development principle and the Five Ways of Working.

The successful bidder will be awarded an initial 12-month contract with the option to extend annually for a further 2 years on a plus 12-months plus 12 months basis. A maximum budget of up to GBP 277,500 per annum (excluding VAT) has been allocated to deliver the contract. Please be aware this is a demand led service, therefore there is no guaranteed level of expenditure. The maximum value is based on historical need for the contract and the maximum funding we have available.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £277,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79415000 - Production management consultancy services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement exercise is being conducted on behalf of the Welsh Ministers to establish a contract for Smart Digital & Productivity Accelerator. The successful bidder will be awarded an initial 12-month contract with the option to extend annually for a further 2 years and a 12 months plus 12-months basis. A maximum budget of up to GBP 277,500 per annum (excluding VAT) has been allocated to deliver the contract. Please be aware this is a demand led service, therefore there is no guaranteed level of expenditure. The maximum value is based on historical need for the contract and the maximum funding we have available.

E-Tender Information:

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

- The first person from your Organisation to use the Platform will be required to register on behalf of the Organisation.
- Registration involves accepting a User Agreement, and providing basic information about your Organisation and about the User performing the Registration.
- The User who performs the Registration becomes the Super User for the Organisation.
- On registering on the Platform the Super User will select a Username and will receive a password.
- The Password will be sent by e-mail to the email address that was specified in the User Details section of the Registration page.
- In order to log-in to the Platform please enter your Username and Password.
- Note: If you forget your Password then visit the homepage and click “Forgot your password?”
- Registration should only be performed once for each Organisation.
- If you think that someone in your Organisation may have already registered on this Platform then you must not register again.

- Please contact the person who Registered (i.e. the Super User) in order to arrange access to the Platform.
- Contact the Helpdesk immediately if you are unable to contact the Super User (for example if they have left your Organisation).
- Note: If your Organisation is already registered on the Platform then you must not make any additional registration. Please contact the Helpdesk to gain access to the Platform.
- Tenders must be uploaded to the BravoSolution portal by 2pm

How To Find The ITT:

- Once logged in you must click on 'ITT's Open to all Suppliers'
- The e-tender references for this contract are: itt_115062 - WELSH GOVERNMENT - C117/2024/2025 - SMART Digital & Productivity Accelerator.
- Click on the title to access summary details of the contract. If you are still interested in submitting a tender, click the 'Express an Interest button'. This will move the ITT from the 'Open to all Suppliers' area to the 'My ITT's' on the home page.
- You will then see the full details of the ITT in the qualification and technical envelopes along with any relevant documents in the 'Attachments' area.
- Should you have any questions on the ITT, please use the 'Messages' area to contact the buyer directly – Please do not contact the named person at the top of this notice.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £277,500

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Bidders will be awarded an initial 12 month contract with two 12 month extension options available on a 1+1+1 years basis, awarded annually for up to 3 years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

21 February 2025

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 February 2025

Local time

9:00am

Place

WG Secure Laptop

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Procurement Manager using a WG Secure Laptop downloading bids from the eTenderWales Bravo platform.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=147309

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives.

Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

Non-Core Only - The Client has decided to take a non-core approach to Community Benefits, this means that the Community Benefits proposal that a Bidder returns as part of this tender process will not be evaluated and scored. Non-Core CB objectives should be listed here under headings only e.g. Training and recruitment opportunities for disadvantaged people who haven't been in regular paid employment for the previous six months. NB You must not quantify the number of opportunities as this should be up to the bidder to consider and include in their Non-core CB proposal. The Non-Core CB Proposal template will help buyers and bidders to present non-core CB objectives of interest:

Training and recruitment opportunities for:

Bidders should consider opportunities for recruiting and training the above groups as part of the workforce delivering the Contract.

Other priority areas are:

- Supply chain opportunities
- Retention and training for the existing workforce
- Promotion of Environmental Benefits
- Promotion of Social Businesses
- Contributions to Education- Numeracy, Literacy and STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects)

(WA Ref:147309)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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