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Planning

## Vouchers Scheme

Crown Commercial Service

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-001914

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-028ed0

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

Crown Commercial Service

The Capital Building, Old Hall Street

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### Telephone

+44 3450103503

### Country

United Kingdom

### NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Public Procurement

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Vouchers Scheme

Reference number

RM6255

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service, as the Authority, intends to put in place an agreement for the provision of Voucher Schemes for use by Central Government and UK public sector bodies.

Further information is included in the Additional Information section VI.3.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,300,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

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

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 75310000 - Benefit services
- 75312000 - Maternity benefits

- 75330000 - Family allowances
- 75340000 - Child allowances
- 85320000 - Social services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

It is intended that this commercial agreement will be the recommended vehicle for Voucher Schemes required by UK Central Government and public sector bodies, including those with locations overseas.

It is anticipated that the service will cover a range of government funded support schemes for the UK citizen.

The service will be required to be delivered through Suppliers on-line portal with multi-media access. (The security of personal data will be subject to assurance by the CCS Senior Information Risk Officer).

The service must provide flexibility to include additional benefits within the scope.

Please note the value at II.I.5 is an estimate that includes the face value of the vouchers and other benefits provided to citizens.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Crown Commercial Service intends to hold market engagement sessions via Webinar week commencing 08 February 2021 with those suppliers interested in potentially bidding for the resulting agreement. If you are interested in attending the market engagement session please express your interest by emailing [peoplepillarcomms@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:peoplepillarcomms@crowncommercial.gov.uk)

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

5 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

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To participate in the market engagement session please email with the following details:

- 1) Organisation name;
- 2) Contact name of the person attending the market engagement session;
- 3) Job title of contact (including responsibility within your organisation);
- 4) Contact phone number;
- 5) Contact email;
- 6) Organisation website link.

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) will use an eSourcing system for this competition and reserves the right to use an electronic auction. The eSourcing system we will use is <https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>.

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, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.

The value in II.1.5 is an indicative value over 4 years

The date in II.3) is the estimated date of publication, please refer to the CCS website page <https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/upcoming> for updates and monitor Find a Tender Service for the publication of the Contract notice.

The Cyber Essentials scheme is mandatory for Central Government Contracts which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. The Government is taking steps to further reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when properly implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from

the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet.

To participate in this procurement, bidders will be required to demonstrate that they are Cyber Essentials Plus certified for the services under and in connection with the procurement.

The bidder may be awarded a contract but shall not enter into any call off contracts with buyers until they are able to demonstrate to CCS that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by the Cyber EssentialsPlus Scheme for services under and in connection with this procurement.

The service that arises from this framework will involve the supplier holding material that has been assigned a protective marking under the Government Security Classifications Scheme (April 2014) of OFFICIAL/SENSITIVE. Bidders will be required to implement their solution in accordance with the Framework Agreement Schedule, "Security Requirement and Plan", to meet Framework Agreement requirements. This will be released at the ITT stage.

A Future Opportunity on contract finder can be found here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/5969af1f-aa15-48ac-b383-a37b3ac0690e>

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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