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Tender

Occupied Palestinian Territories Independent Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (OPTIMEL)

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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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

Occupied Palestinian Territories Independent Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (OPTIMEL)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

British Consulate General Jerusalem (BCGJ) is seeking to appoint a supplier to deliver the Occupied Palestinian Territories Independent Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (OPTIMEL) programme. OPTIMEL will provide independent monitoring, evaluation, research and learning activities across BCGJ's Country Plan Goals and programme portfolio. It will enhance the assurance, efficiency and effectiveness of the UK's support to the OPTs by helping mitigate risks, validating what works, better understanding the context, and promoting learning and connectivity across the Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) programme portfolio and diplomatic activities.

OPTIMEL will be delivered across three flexible and adaptive workstreams so that activities can be prioritised as portfolio needs change or to respond to contextual changes. The contract will deliver against four outcomes: Greater Accountability, Increased Coherence and Alignment, Increased Impact and Influence, and Value for Money.

The value of the contract is £5,000,000 for a period of up to 3 years (36 months).

Subject to Supplier performance, budgets and the FCDO governance processes the contract can be extended for up to 18 months with an additional budget of up-to £2,000,000.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IL - Israel

Main site or place of performance

Gaza

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The primary goal of the OPTIMEL contract is to enable better UK support to OPTs and the people affected by the current crisis and long-term occupation. It will inform, provide verification and assurance that our investments deliver impact to the intended beneficiaries, are strategically aligned, offer VfM and are informed by Palestinian voices. OPTIMEL will also support the BCGJ's decision making and risk management within its ODA portfolio. OPTIMEL will support BCGJ holistically across Country Business Plan (CBP) Goals, with both diplomatic and development activities. It will contribute to an evidence base for effective approaches in the OPTs and similar contexts.

Aligned to the three workstreams detailed in Section 2 (OPTIMEL Workstreams)
OPTIMEL has four core outcomes:

1. Greater Accountability (Verification and Assurance): BCGJ has confidence in results and the quality of delivery of programmatic and non-programmatic activities and has sufficient information to assess and mitigate risks.
2. Increased Coherence and Alignment: BCGJ diplomatic and development activities are connected and strategically aligned.
3. Increased Impact and Influence: BCGJ has quality information and insight to influence others, inform timely decision-making and enable responsive adaptations to our programmatic and diplomatic activities.
4. Value for Money: BCGJ activities and investments offer demonstrable VfM against the 4 Es (Economy, Effectiveness, Efficiency, Equity).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension option of up to 18 months with an additional budget of up to £2,000,000

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

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-025560](#)

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

Date

24 February 2025

Local time

1:00pm

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: 8 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 January 2025

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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