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

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-002692

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048a39

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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London

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

## **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

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# **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

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## **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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

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Any queries related to the subject of this tender must be sent via the messaging function for itt\_6811 - Occupied Palestinian Territories Independent Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (OPTIMEL)

FCDO welcomes bids from across the sector, both from commercial and non-profit organisation through creation of consortia or joined ventures or sub-contracting.

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Tarin Jennings

London

Country

United Kingdom