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## **TROO0292 HS2 Parliamentary Agents Phase 1 & 2a**

Department for Transport

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Department for Transport

Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road

London

SW1P 4DR

#### **Contact**

GCD CRM Rail

#### **Email**

[GCDCRM Rail@dft.gov.uk](mailto:GCDCRM Rail@dft.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-transport>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://dft.app.jaggaer.com/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**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

TROO0292 HS2 Parliamentary Agents Phase 1 & 2a

Reference number

TROO0292

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79100000 - Legal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department for Transport (DfT) is looking to appoint an Roll A Parliamentary Agent to support the implementation of the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017 and the High Speed Rail (West Midlands to Crewe) Act 2021 and the successful delivery of the associated sections of HS2 Phase One and Phase 2a.

The initial contract period will be for 36 months with an option to extend by a further 12 months and then another 12 months depending on business need and performance. In summary this will be a 3 + 1 + 1 year contract.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £850,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 75111200 - Legislative services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This is a niche contract which requires specialist Roll A Parliamentary Agents to support the completion of a number of activities which are essential for the successful implementation of the HS2 Phase One and 2a Acts. DfT has had access to Parliamentary Agent services in relation to HS2 Phase One since 2012 and more recently on Phase 2a, and also uses Parliamentary Agent services in relation to the promotion of the HS2 Phase 2b Western Leg Bill.

This is a specialist area of legal advice with only a small number of suitably qualified firms able to offer the necessary expertise. (Note that as Phase 2a has now received Royal Assent and joined Phase One in 'delivery mode,' we are now proposing to consolidate these two phases as the nature of the work is now aligned and there are likely to be efficiencies to be gained (e.g. issues of interpretation that are common to both). Conversely, as the Phase 2b Bill for the Western Leg remains in its pre-Royal Assent Parliamentary phase, we propose to retain the existing, separate arrangements for that phase.)

Whilst the specification is still being finalised, it is likely to cover but not limited to the following areas:

- \* completion of a small number of outstanding complex agreements with stakeholders
- \* monitoring compliance with around 6,000 Undertakings & assurances ("U&As) that were entered into by the Secretary of State with those affected by the scheme
- \* drafting and/or correction of necessary Orders, Directions, Decision Letters or Guidance documents flowing from the Acts
- \* ensuring that the numerous "post Royal Assent activities" required by the Act, and other ongoing responsibilities conferred on the Secretary of State, are successfully discharged in a timely and effective manner

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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#### **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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Must be or work in collaboration with a Rolling A Parliamentary Agent.

## **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

1 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

1 March 2023

Local time

5:00pm

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

The High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom