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TROO0292 HS2 Parliamentary Agents Phase 1 & 2a

Department for Transport

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039ba5

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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

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

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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

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