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Planning

Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) Passport Scheme

Security Industry Authority

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Security Industry Authority

London

Email

sia.procurement@sia.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/security-industry-authority>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) Passport Scheme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79212110 - Corporate governance rating services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary Prior Information Notice (PIN) for services likely to be procured in relation to the ACS passport scheme. The purpose of this notice is to alert the supplier community to a potential opportunity, and to assist the Security Industry Authority (SIA) with developing aspects of its procurement strategy.

The SIA is reviewing possible options for its Approved Contractor Scheme passport route which is subject to the Concession Regulations 2016.

The SIA is responsible for regulating the private security industry in the UK. It is an

independent body reporting to the Home Secretary, under the terms of the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (PSIA). The SIA's mission is to deliver proportionate regulation to the private security industry to reduce criminality, protect the public and improve standards under the PSIA.

The SIA has two main duties. One is the compulsory licensing of individuals undertaking designated activities within the private security industry; the other is to manage the voluntary approved contracts scheme for private security organisations.

The Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) is one of the regulatory objectives to be delivered by the SIA as defined within the Private Security Act 2001.

ACS is a voluntary scheme of approval for private security businesses operating within the UK. Organisations seeking approval need to be delivering private security related services within the sectors that the SIA licence individuals in.

Please see details of what a passport scheme is here [Setting up an ACS passport scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,005,320

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79212110 - Corporate governance rating services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Firstly, to be eligible to bid for a passport contract suppliers will need to have created a bespoke passport scheme prior to bidding.

That bespoke scheme needs to comply with the bullets below:

- integrates international, British and other industry standards with the ACS standard.
- recognises other accreditation or certification schemes.
- is accredited by the SIA and quality assured by a UKAS accredited assessment body.

Please see details of what a passport scheme is here [Setting up an ACS passport scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

This process can take up to one year and with significant costs. Please note that setting up a passport scheme does not guarantee a contract will be awarded to your organisation.

Secondly, once suppliers' schemes are reviewed and approved by the SIA, they would then be eligible to bid for the passport scheme once it is advertised.

The estimated contract length for successful suppliers would be 2 years maximum.

This exercise is designed to provide a platform for the SIA to brief suppliers on the opportunity. A key ambition of this market engagement is to test the appetite, market capacity, capability, experience, and maturity to be able to provide this service.

Any parties interested in expressing an interest in this opportunity are required to register by emailing sia.procurement@sia.gov.uk and providing details of your organisation and key contact details.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier/s who are selected to provide the services under this procurement must be a UKAS accredited certification body with security product certification.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 January 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

1) This PIN does not formally signify the beginning of a procurement and does not constitute a commitment by the SIA to undertake any procurement exercise. In the event that the SIA decides to formally commence the procurement of the passport scheme a separate contract notice will be issued.

2) The SIA will not enter into a contract based solely on the responses to this PIN or any subsequent early market engagement exercise and no information contained in this document or in any communication made between the SIA and any supplier in connection with this PIN or any early market engagement exercise shall be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement or representation that any contract shall be offered in accordance with this PIN