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Contract

Global Development Delivery Framework (GDD)

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Diplomatic Services and International Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Global Development Delivery Framework (GDD)

Reference number

ITT_5435 and ITT_5436

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This a Framework Agreement to replace and build upon the current International Multidisciplinary Programme (IMDP) Framework and the current Global Economic Development Framework (GEDF).

The key objectives of the Framework Agreement are:

- a) To secure a pool of high- quality suppliers pre-qualified to work in FCDO thematic areas, to deliver improved value for money through further competition
- b) Development and improved management of supplier base
- c) Access to niche/specialist skills
- d) Shortened timescales for call-down process due to pre-qualification of suppliers
- e) Improved Management Information for managing framework and supplier base e.g., tracking bidding patterns and recurring issues to improve competition.

This Framework Agreement will enable FCDO to access advice, expertise and delivery capacity in a cost efficient and effective manner across multiple thematic areas. It will enable FCDO to commission multi-disciplinary teams of quality professionals to design, manage and

deliver international development programme services with greater agility and innovation whilst maintaining fair competition.

Successful Suppliers will provide overseas development assistance advice and expertise to FCDO and other users of the Framework Agreement related to the thematic areas of:

- Lots 1 and 8: Climate Change and Nature
- Lots 2 and 9: Health and Humanitarian
- Lots 3 and 10: Education, Gender and Social Inclusion
- Lots 4 and 11: Economic Development and Trade
- Lots 5 and 12: Finance and Investment
- Lots 6 and 13: Research
- Lots 7 and 14: Governance and Conflict

The Lots were split into 2 tiers. Tier 1 for the High Value Lots comprised ITT_5435. Tier 2 for the Low Value Lots comprised ITT_5436. Lead Suppliers decided which tier to bid on – Tier 1 High Value Lots (1-7) or Tier 2 Low Value Lots (8-14). Within each tier Lead Suppliers could bid on one or multiple lots.

The Framework Agreement commenced in December 2023 for the period of 2 years with two (2) one year extension options each subject to ongoing need.

The maximum throughput of the Framework Agreement will be GBP 3 000 000 000 with GBP 1 500 000 000 for the initial term and GBP 750 000 000 for each of the 2 extensions.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Climate and Nature £7m

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Global

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The value of each Lot (1-14) is unknown at this time; however, the total estimated Framework Agreement value will be managed across all 14 Lots up to a maximum budget of GBP 3 000 000 000.

The timeframe may be extended by up to an additional 2 x 12 months beyond the original 24 month term until December 2026 and then December 2027 subject to satisfactory performance of the suppliers, continuing need, availability of funding, and the agreement of the suppliers and FCDO.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options to extend and increase value

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Health and Humanitarian £7m

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Global

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Description of options

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Education, Gender and Social Inclusion £7m

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Global

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Description of options

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Economic Development and Trade £7m

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Global

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II.2.11) Information about options

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Description of options

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Finance and Investment £7m

Lot No

5

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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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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Research £7m

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Global

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

FCDO sought a Supplier to deliver a 24-month Framework Agreement of up to GBP 1 500 000 000 (GBP 3 000 000 000 inclusive of all extension and scale up options) from December 2023 until December 2025 to enable FCDO to access advice, expertise and delivery capacity in a cost efficient and effective manner across multiple thematic areas. It will enable FCDO to commission multi-disciplinary teams of quality professionals to design, manage and deliver international development programme services with greater agility and innovation whilst maintaining fair competition.

The value of each Lot (1-14) is unknown at this time; however, the total estimated Framework Agreement value will be managed across all 14 Lots up to a maximum budget of GBP 3 000 000 000.

The timeframe may be extended by up to an additional 2 x 12 months beyond the original 24 month term until December 2026 and then December 2027 subject to satisfactory performance of the suppliers, continuing need, availability of funding, and the agreement of the suppliers and FCDO.

Please note that the estimated value above represents a maximum, and FCDO expects that competitive tenders based on the Terms of Reference (Volume 3 of the ITT Pack) will come in at a lower level.

The recipients of the services will be determined in each call-down contract. The services will be accessible by FCDO and other UK government departments that deliver programmes funded by UK Official Development Assistance (ODA).

Specific details of the procurement process followed were available to all suppliers in the ITT Pack via ITT_5435 and ITT_5436 on the FCDO Supplier Portal

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>

An FCDO standard Framework Agreement was awarded.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology - Call Down Capability / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology - Fund Management / Weighting: 7.5

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology - Contract and Framework management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology - Lot Specific Technical Questions / Weighting: 25

Cost criterion - Name: Mathematical calculation of the cost of your individual Total Daily Job Family Ceiling Rates. / Weighting: 28

Cost criterion - Name: Mathematical calculation of competitiveness of the proposed % discounts in direct comparison to all Potential Suppliers in the lot competition / Weighting: 12

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Options to extend and increase value

Please note the estimated value of this requirement is up to a maximum of GBP 3 000 000 000 split across 14 lots. This figure includes a value of GBP 1 500 000 000 covering all fourteen lots for the initial 24-month term and the possible 2 x 12-month extensions at a value of GBP 1 500 000 000 covering all fourteen lots. The estimated value includes all applicable taxes, and tenderers should include all applicable taxes in their tenders. Please note that the estimated value above represents a maximum Framework value.

The timeframe may be extended subject to satisfactory performance of the suppliers, continuing need, availability of funding, and the agreement of the suppliers and FCDO.

Options on awarding places on the Framework.

Following the completion of the evaluation the Framework Agreement was offered to the Top 15 Potential Suppliers who met the required capability and achieved the highest combined Social Value Score, Technical Score, and Commercial score for each Lot.

In each Lot, with the exception of Lot 11, FCDO reserved the right to increase to 20 suppliers if FCDO determined that there was insufficient coverage in thematic expertise. Insufficient coverage in any Lot was defined as when there are any capabilities relevant to that Lot (as per the Capability Matrix column B, see ITT Volume 3, Annex 3), that fewer than 3 of the top 15 ranked suppliers for that Lot have indicated they have capability to deliver (per the Capability Matrix returns). The suppliers ranked 16 to 20 would be awarded a place in the Lot if there is insufficient coverage amongst the top 15 ranked suppliers and adding the suppliers ranked 16 to 20 would increase the suppliers with the capability that has insufficient coverage by at least one supplier. This option was not exercised by FCDO following the evaluation process because the above criteria were not met.

For Lot 11, FCDO reserved the right to increase to 10 suppliers if FCDO determined that there was insufficient coverage in thematic expertise. Insufficient coverage in Lot 11 is defined as when there are any relevant capabilities (as per the Lot 11 Capability Matrix column A, see ITT Volume 3, Annex 3), that none of the top ranked 7 suppliers for Lot 11 have indicated they have capability to deliver (per the Capability Matrix returns). The suppliers ranked 8 to 10 would be awarded a place in the Lot if there is insufficient coverage amongst the top 7 ranked suppliers and adding the suppliers ranked 8 to 10 would increase the suppliers with the capability that has insufficient coverage by at least one supplier. This option was not exercised by FCDO following the evaluation process because the above criteria were not met.

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Governance and Conflict £7m

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Climate and Nature £7m

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 16

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Abt Britain Limited

1 Chamberlain Square Cs,

Birmingham

B3 3AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG31 - Birmingham

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Adam Smith International Limited

Tallis House, 2 Tallis Street,

London

EC4Y 0AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

TAG International Development Limited

63-65 Petty France Ground Floor,

London

SW1H 9EU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Chemonics Group UK Limited

1 Benjamin Street, Farringdon,

London,

EC1M 5QL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Christian Aid

35 Lower Marsh, Waterloo,

London,

SE1 7RT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cowater International Inc.

200 Laurier Avenue West, 5th floor,

Ottawa,

K1P 6M7

Country

Canada

NUTS code

- CA - Canada

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Crown Agents Limited

Blue Fin Building, 110 Southwark Street

London

SE1 0SU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DAI Global UK Ltd

3rd Floor, Block C, Westside, London Road

Apsley

HP3 9TD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

DT Global International Development UK Ltd

64-68 London Road,

Redhill

RH11LG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Family Health International

359 Blackwell Street, Suite 200,

Durham,

NC 27701

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

NIRAS Group (UK) Ltd

Kings Court Ride, Kings Ride,

Ascot

SL5 7JR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Oxford Policy Management Limited

Level 3, Clarendon House, 52 Cornmarket Street,

Oxford

OX1 3HJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Palladium International Limited

2nd Floor Turnberry House, 100 Bunhill Row,

London

EC1Y 8ND

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

1 Embankment Place

London

WC2N 6RH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Tetra Tech International Development Limited

1 Northfield Road,

Reading

RG1 8AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

ecm_5860, 5861, 5862, 5863, 5864, 5865, 5866, 5867, 5868, 5869, 5870, 5871

Lot No

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Title

Climate and Nature