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Planning

Chagossian Funeral Support Scheme

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Chagossian Funeral Support Scheme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is developing a contract for the provision of subsidised funeral services for England's Chagossian community. This contract would be part of FCDO's wider ongoing support to Chagossians in recognition of their unique historical circumstances. The objective of the service is to support eligible people with Chagossian heritage with the costs of funerals, and the service is being designed with input from the Chagossian community. The supplier would be required to deliver funerals directly, or be capable of managing an intermediary scheme of assessing and funding eligible funerals delivered by other funeral providers. The service will cover the whole of England, with demand expected to be concentrated in London and South East England and Greater Manchester. Market input into the design of the contract is being sought and interested suppliers are invited to attend an Early Market Engagement event to learn more information and contribute their views.

This is a Prior Information Notice and not a call for competition or tender at this time.

It is an information notice to give interested suppliers the opportunity to register interest on the FCDO Supplier Portal (<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>), engage in pre-procurement dialogue and register for the virtual Early Market Engagement event being held on Thursday 27th February 2025 Time: 14:00 - 15:30 GMT Please register to attend via <https://forms.office.com/e/3jpE3M0NhP>. You must register to attend via this link in order to receive the joining instructions.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

14 April 2025

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

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjljNThhNTQtMDgxMS00NGY0LWE5ZTUtnzM0MWFmZDhiMDYw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d3a2d0d3-7cc8-4f52-bbf9-85bd43d94279%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229449d5ca-4560-43ca-b49c-55535668c147%22%7d