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Tender

Voucher Schemes

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-028ed0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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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

Voucher Schemes

Reference number

RM6255

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service, as the Authority, intends to put in place an agreement for the provision of Voucher Schemes for use by Central Government and UK public sector bodies.

Following market and customer engagement, the Framework will comprise of a single lot in order to improve competition and maximise potential economies of scale and operational efficiencies to the Buyers.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 75310000 - Benefit services

- 75312000 - Maternity benefits
- 75330000 - Family allowances
- 75340000 - Child allowances
- 85320000 - Social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is intended that this commercial agreement will be the recommended vehicle for Voucher Schemes required by UK Central Government and public sector bodies, including those with locations overseas.

It is anticipated that the service will cover a range of government funded voucher schemes for the Recipient.

The service will be required to be delivered through Suppliers on-line portal with multi-media access. (The security of personal data will be subject to assurance by the CCS Senior Information Risk Officer).

The Supplier shall deliver fully managed Closed Loop Voucher Schemes, comprising of the design and implementation of schemes and the sourcing, delivery and administration of Closed Loop Vouchers and schemes. All mandatory requirements detailed in Framework Schedule 1 (Specification).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note the value at II.1.5 is an estimate that includes the face value of the vouchers and other benefits provided to Buyers and end Recipients.

The framework is for an initial period of 24 months with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 12 months at the discretion of CCS.

A framework contract will be awarded to all bidders who achieve or exceed a final score of 45.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an invitation to tender (ITT) registering for access.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-001914](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

22 March 2021

Local time

10:00am

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

22 March 2021

Local time

10:01am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

As part of this contract notice the following documents can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/00456598-8352-4843-947e-0e25e2cc14d2>

- 1) Contract notice authorised customer list;
- 2) Contract notice transparency information for the agreement;

On 2.4.2014 Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders should make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when

implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders must be able to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

Some purchases under this framework Agreement may have requirements that can be met under this Framework Agreement but the purchase of which may be exempt from the Procurement Regulations (as defined in Attachment 1 – About the framework within the invitation to tender documentation). In such cases, Call-offs from this Framework will be unregulated purchases for the purposes of the Procurement Regulations, and the buyers may, at their discretion, modify the terms of the Framework and any Call-off Contracts to reflect that buyer's specific needs. Minimum Standards of Reliability as set out in the ITT Attachment 2a Selection Questionnaire

PLEASE NOTE:

All certificates issued prior to 1 April 2020 or before 30 June 2020 on the existing scheme are valid until 30 June 2021. This includes those issued by Accreditation Bodies other than IASME.

On 30 June 2021, any certificate issued under the old scheme will expire.

Refer to <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyber-essentials-faqs> for more information.

Registering for access:

This procurement will be managed electronically via the eSourcing suite:

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

This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with bidders. If you have recently registered on the eSourcing suite for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.

Use the following link for information on how register and use the eSourcing tool:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers>

For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help desk operated by email at eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk or call 0345 410 2222.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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