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Contract

## **Buying Better Food and Drink**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-004428

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-036ac2

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

9th Floor, The Capital, Old Hall Street

Liverpool

L3 9PP

#### **Email**

[supplier@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:supplier@crowncommercial.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3454102222

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Buying Better Food and Drink

Reference number

RM6279

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority has put in place a new Pan Government Collaborative Agreement for the provision of RM6279 Buying Better Food

and Drink to be utilised by Central Government Departments and all other UK Public Sector Bodies, including Local Authorities, Health, Police, Fire and Rescue, Education and Devolved Administrations.

This is a national agreement developed to support a simple customer journey through an online single access point.

Our initial contract value is estimated to attract £100 million worth of spend over the 4-year (2 + 1 +1) contract period, which is a small proportion of the annual £2.1 billion public sector food spend.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 03100000 - Agricultural and horticultural products
- 03200000 - Cereals, potatoes, vegetables, fruits and nuts
- 03300000 - Farming, hunting and fishing products
- 03400000 - Forestry and logging products
- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
- 15100000 - Animal products, meat and meat products
- 15200000 - Prepared and preserved fish
- 15300000 - Fruit, vegetables and related products
- 15400000 - Animal or vegetable oils and fats
- 15500000 - Dairy products
- 15600000 - Grain mill products, starches and starch products
- 15800000 - Miscellaneous food products
- 15900000 - Beverages, tobacco and related products

- 55300000 - Restaurant and food-serving services
- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

CCS has procured a Food & Drink commercial solution which :

Is free to use for all customers - Be simple, quick and easy to use for customers

Supports all food producers (including SMEs) in accessing public sector food opportunities

Supports public sector food buyers in buying better quality, safer, sustainable food that meets The Government Buying Standards for Food

Supports public sector customers in meeting carbon net zero goals, by supporting sustainable food production and reducing carbon footprint.

Supports investment in local communities, equality and diversity, reduction in Modern Slavery risks, resource efficiency

Offers regional supply and local distribution networks

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

### **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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-024978](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

23 January 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

See Contracts Finder Notice for full supplier list

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Liverpool

L3 9PP

Country

United Kingdom

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £100,000,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d6ffa5f7-f3b2-4608-a85b-b8777d04c913>

- 1) Redacted Commercial Agreement
- 2) List of Successful Suppliers
- 3) Approved Customer list
- 4) Transparency Agenda

On 02/04/2014, 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 were required to 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 were required to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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