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Building Peace and Security in Iraq: Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Building Peace and Security in Iraq: Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning

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 is a Prior Information Notice (PIN) only for an Early Market Engagement (EME) for the Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning component of FCDO's Building Peace and Security in Iraq programme. The PIN is not a call for competition or tender at this time, it is an information notice to highlight to the market the intent to have a virtual EME event on 7 March 2023 at 11:00 – 13:00 UK time (14:00 – 16:00 Iraq time). At the event, FCDO will present the details of the project and facilitate a discussion.

Parties interested in attending the EME must register via the form at <https://bit.ly/40EcmkU>.

Early Market Engagement (EME):

At this stage, the aim of the EME is to discuss the service requirement and potential routes to market. FCDO is keen to ask the views of the market regarding the most effective means of delivering the programme's objectives and service outputs, including the best management approach.

We would welcome the participation of both national and international organisations, across both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. Currently our preferred delivery sourcing vehicle would be through a commercial contract. We would particularly welcome input from those with experience in delivering programmes in fragile and conflict-affected states with access challenges.

FCDO aims to consult on the following topics:

- Assessing levels of market interest and capability to bid for this Programme.
- Creating an opportunity for an exchange of questions and answers between FCDO and potential suppliers.
- Levelling the playing field and providing key information to the marketplace.

Additional information

It is proposed that the supplier agreement will run for three years from the date of signature, subject to break clauses and resource availability. There may be an opportunity to extend for a further three annual periods at the discretion of FCDO. The total budget available for the services to be provided under this agreement will be up to £700,000 (inclusive of all applicable taxes).

The assignment will be divided into three phases and is anticipated to commence in the first quarter of 2023:

- A 3-month Inception Phase – to confirm programme design.
- A 30-month Implementation Phase.
- A 3-month Closure and Learning Phase – to responsibly close-down and exit the programme.

Key characteristics and skills we are seeking in a Supplier will be discussed and details contained in the TORs, when issued.

How to Join the EME Event:

Registered participants will be provided with the relevant joining instruction information with links to the presentation. We expect to provide this information by 1st March 2023.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IQ - Iraq

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Building Peace and Security Programme in Iraq

FCDO is seeking a third-party monitor for its Building Peace and Security in Iraq programme (BPSI). This programme aims to address barriers to return and reintegration of displaced people, in communities affected by the Daesh occupation in the north and west of Iraq - and the underlying socio-political grievances at the root of displacements.

The programme has three complementary components:

- Local level work in target communities, implemented by a consortium of national NGOs and the International Organization for Migration, to address barriers to return and reintegration.
- Influencing and advocacy work, targeted at Government ministries, the UN, and likeminded partners, focusing on legal systems, coordination, and national leadership.
- Institutional memory development: through research and evidence gathering on lessons learned, issues and challenges to return and reintegration. This will include a comparative analysis of Iraq and another conflict zone with similar conflict dynamics.

Monitoring Evaluation Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Project

The MEAL component of this programme will (i) strengthen implementing partner's accountability to FCDO; (ii) validate the effectiveness and impact of their activities to FCDO and other stakeholders; and (iii) support learning and development across other conflict programmes implemented across FCDO and the wider international community.

MEAL will deepen FCDO's understanding of what works, for whom and in what circumstances, - as well as what does not work and the reasons why. It will help strengthen our evidence base and support efforts to scale-up delivery. It will also inform any course correction necessary and FCDO's investment decisions across the programme. Utilising the right TPM provider is therefore expected to deliver good value for money for both FCDO and the UK taxpayer.

Given the security situation, the complexity of the country and the challenges of monitoring the sustainable return of displaced people back into communities, we expect this to be a niche market. Therefore, FCDO is reaching out as wide as possible to seek expressions of interest across a broad range of suppliers. This will widen its choice, strengthen innovation, and deliver best value for money.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 July 2023

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

'Third Party Monitoring for Building Peace and Security in Iraq programme (BPSI) PQQ'

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