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Planning

## **Early Market Engagement (EME) - Zambia Poverty Reduction Programme (ZPRP)**

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**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Diplomatic and Development

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Early Market Engagement (EME) - Zambia Poverty Reduction Programme (ZPRP)

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) would like to invite interested parties to attend a Market Engagement (EME) Event concerning the provision of services to deliver Poverty Reduction Programme in Zambia (ZPRP).

ZPRP aims reduce levels of poverty and vulnerability within Zambia. ZPRP has budgeted approximately £38.5m over six (6) years, with an anticipated start date of Q3 2024.

FCDO invites interested suppliers to attend an Early Market Engagement (EME) session relating to the ZPRP programme and associated future procurements. This EME will take place 11:00-12:00pm UK time on Monday 4 March 2024 and will be online via Microsoft Teams, with representation from both the project office in Lukasa, Zambia and FCDO Commercial.

This EME event is an opportunity for prospective suppliers to understand current planning for the ZPRP programme, to ask questions, and to provide feedback on any information shared for the Business Case. To attend this EME event, please register and log in to FCDO's eTendering Portal: <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk> and complete PQQ\_1571 before noon on 01.03.2024.

The event will be followed by a questionnaire and attendees will be able to ask further questions. The PQQ functionality in the portal will be used as the channel of communication for this project going forward.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £38,500,000

### **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

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The link to the meeting (MS Teams platform) will be distributed via the messaging system on the FCDO eTendering portal and via email for those registered before noon on 01.03.2024.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 April 2024

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## 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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

At this stage, FCDO seeks expression of interest in participating in the EME event. Non-participation in this event will not be taken into account in any future procurement. The purpose of this notice is to explore the market, inform the specifications and help us to decide on the best procurement route and strategy.

How to register for this EME:

If you are interested in attending this Early Market Engagement event, then please register via the form at <https://forms.office.com/e/00D7DeLu7H>

The link to the meeting (MS Teams platform) will be distributed via the messaging system on the FCDO eTendering portal and via email for those registered before noon on 01.04.2024.

This EME is scheduled to take place virtually on Monday 4th March @ 11:00 – 12:00 GMT. Please register for attendance for the EME via the guidance below.

We ask that Suppliers register on the Jaggaer Portal and sign up to the PQQ\_1571.

All future communications relating to market engagement and pre-procurement messaging will be sent through the portal. Please note that this is not the PQQ stage of the formal procurement process and non-attendance will not impact any bidder's opportunity to participate in the tender process. Should you have any technical issues with the Portal, please call eTendering helpdesk: +44 0203 868 2859 or use the "Call me Back!" functionality (recommended, especially if contacting from outside of UK). Any issues with accessing this PQQ should be reported to [ruth.slater@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.slater@fcdo.gov.uk)