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Planning

Fund Disbursement: Grants & Loans

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS 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.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

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Reference number

RM6322

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75100000 - Administration services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority intends to put in place a Pan Government Collaborative Agreement for the provision of fund disbursement administration services. This is 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.

It is intended that this commercial agreement will be the recommended vehicle for all fund disbursement administration services required by UK Central Government Departments.

At this stage we are looking to build on our existing administration services for grants and are considering other fund administration for example, loans, vouchers and benefits.

The proposed agreement will be a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £280,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48219300 - Administration software package
- 66190000 - Loan brokerage services
- 71248000 - Supervision of project and documentation
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72591000 - Development of service level agreements
- 75112000 - Administrative services for business operations
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 75131000 - Government services
- 75310000 - Benefit services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics
- 79311410 - Economic impact assessment
- 79314000 - Feasibility study
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79320000 - Public-opinion polling services
- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services
- 79341400 - Advertising campaign services

- 79342100 - Direct marketing services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services
- 98910000 - Services specific to international organisations and bodies

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) plans to introduce a procurement vehicle for fund disbursement. CCS will work extensively with the market and customers in the coming months, in order to develop a fit-for-purpose procurement strategy and service.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 December 2022

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

Due to the growing interest we are seeing for the administration of government funds (e.g. grants, loans, vouchers and benefits) this procurement will build on and increase the scope of services provided by our Grant Administration Services DPS (RM6172).

Crown Commercial Service invites suggestions and feedback on the proposed content and structure of its fund administration service from the market, including industry experts, specialists and suppliers.

We will be holding a supplier webinar on Friday 25th March 2022. To participate in this market engagement register your interest by emailing fund@crowncommercial.gov.uk with the following details:

1. Organisation name
2. Contact name
3. Job title of contact (including responsibility within your organisation)
4. Contact phone number
5. Contact email
6. Organisation website link

The value in II.1.5 is an indicative value over eight years.

The date in II.3 is the estimated date of publication.

Please refer to the following CCS website page for updates:

<https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6322>

Or use the new UK Find a Tender service which has replaced the EU's Tenders Electronic Daily.

CCS will be required to publish notices relating to this procurement on the new UK Find a Tender Service (FTS). Notices will not be published on Tenders Electronic Daily (TED)/OJEU. You are therefore advised to monitor FTS and Contracts Finder for the notification of the release of the ITT documents for this procurement. Further information can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-sector-procurement-from-1-january-2021>

The Cyber Essentials scheme is mandatory for Central Government Contracts which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. The Government is taking steps to further 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 properly implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet.

To participate in this procurement, bidders will be required to demonstrate that they are Cyber Essentials certified for the services under and in connection with the procurement. Equally, the bidder may be awarded a contract but shall not enter into any Order Contract with Buyers until they are able to demonstrate to CCS that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by the Cyber Essentials Scheme for services under and in connection with this procurement.

The service that arises from this DPS will involve the supplier holding material that has been assigned a protective marking under the Government Security Classifications Scheme (April 2014) of OFFICIAL/SENSITIVE. Bidders will be required to implement their solution in accordance with the Fund Disbursement: Grants & Loans Schedule, "Security Requirement and Plan", to meet the Fund Disbursement: Grants & Loans requirements. This will be released at the ITT stage.

A Future Opportunity on contract finder can be found here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/8b4e3e8c-ffa3-49a4-b983-46d720af9ecb>