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## **G-Cloud 13**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031f8a

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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 3150103503

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **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**

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

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/52e2fd33-e6f3-4a4c-8697-d25ab76ea0a9>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.applytosupply.digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

G-Cloud 13

Reference number

RM1557.13

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Crown Commercial Service as the Contracting Authority is putting in place a framework agreement for use by UK public sector bodies identified at VI.3 (and any future successors to these organisations), which include Central Government Departments and their arm's length bodies and agencies, non departmental public bodies, British Overseas Territories, and Crown Dependencies, NHS bodies, local authorities and universities.

The maximum initial duration of any call-off contract that may be placed by an eligible contracting authorities is 36 months with one extension allowed, up to 12 months. G-Cloud services, available via the digital platform, will require frequent procurement refreshes to bring on new suppliers and services. The framework agreement duration is for 12 months; however the Contracting Authority reserves the right to extend the duration of this framework agreement for any period up to a maximum of Twelve (12) months from the expiry of the initial term.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cloud Hosting

Lot No

1

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

- 72300000 - Data services
- 72400000 - Internet services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Cloud hosting services sold through G-Cloud are cloud platform or infrastructure Services that can help buyers do at least one of the following:

Deploy, manage and run software, provision and use processing, storage or networking resources.

Buyers only need to pay for what they use. The G-Cloud cloud hosting lot is equivalent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) definitions of 'Platform as a Service' and 'Infrastructure as a Service': <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistspecialpublication800-145.pdf>

G-Cloud cloud hosting suppliers will provide services in at least one of these categories:

Archiving, backup and disaster recovery

Compute and application hosting

Container service

Content delivery network

Cyber security

Database

Data warehousing

NoSQL database

Relational database

Load balancing

Logging and analysis

Message queuing and processing

Networking (including Network as a Service)

Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Infrastructure and platform security

Distributed denial of service attack (DDOS) protection

Firewall

Service intrusion detection

Protective monitoring

Search

Storage

Block storage

Object storage.

This Lot is for Direct Award only. No Further competition is permissible.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £750,000,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework agreement duration is for 12 months; however the Contracting Authority reserves the right to extend the duration of this framework agreement for any period up to a maximum of Twelve (12) months from the expiry of the initial term.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cloud Software

Lot No

2

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Cloud Software Services sold through G-Cloud are applications that are accessed over the internet and hosted in the cloud. Buyers only need to pay for what they use.

The G-Cloud cloud software lot is equivalent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) definition of Software as a Service:

<http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/SP/nistspecialpublication800-145.pdf>

G-Cloud cloud software suppliers will provide cloud software services in at least one of these categories:

Accounting and finance

Analytics and business intelligence

Application security

Collaborative working

Creative, design and publishing

Customer relationship management (CRM)

Cyber security

Electronic document and records management (EDRM)

Healthcare

Human resources and employee management

Information and communication technology (ICT)

Legal and enforcement

Marketing

Operations management

Project management and planning

Sales

Schools, education and libraries

Software development tools

Transport and logistics

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Value excluding VAT: £750,000,000

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Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cloud Support

Lot No

3

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72500000 - Computer-related services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Planning - the provision of planning services to enable customers to move to cloud software and/or hosting services;

Setup and Migration- the provision of setup and migration services which involves the process of consolidating and transferring a collection of workloads. Workloads can include emails, files, calendars,

document types, related metadata, instant messages, applications, user permissions, compound structure and linked components;

Security services - Maintain the confidentiality, integrity and availability of services and information, and protect services against threats;

Quality assurance and performance testing - Continuously ensure that a service does what it's supposed to do to meet user needs efficiently and reliably;

Training; and

Ongoing support - Support user needs by providing help before, during and after service delivery

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework agreement duration is for 12 months; however the Contracting Authority reserves the right to extend the duration of this framework agreement for any period up to a maximum of Twelve (12) months from the expiry of the initial term.

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## **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

Applicants 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

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

Date

18 May 2022

Local time

3:00pm

**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

18 May 2022

Local time

3:01pm

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**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/52e2fd33-e6f3-4a4c-8697-d25ab76ea0a9>

- 1) Contract notice transparency information for the agreement;
- 2) Contract notice authorised customer list;
- 3) Rights reserved for CCS framework.

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.

#### 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 Digital Marketplace. This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with bidders.

For assistance relating to how to log in to Digital MarketPlace please contact the Crown Commercial Service service desk operated by email at [cloud\\_digital@crownccommercial.gov.uk](mailto:cloud_digital@crownccommercial.gov.uk)

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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