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Planning

Contract for the provision of in-country and overseas escorting services in relation to Migration and Economic Development Partnerships (MEDP) and other immigration services.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Secretary of State for the Home Department

Home Office, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

Contact

Immigration Enforcement Commercial

Email

Escorting-Commercial@homeoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/home-office

Buyer's address

<https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the provision of in-country and overseas escorting services in relation to Migration and Economic Development Partnerships (MEDP) and other immigration services.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79713000 - Guard services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Home Office is responsible, under the Immigration Act 1971 and the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, for detaining and/or enforcing the removal of certain persons (Detainees), assigned by the Home Office to Immigration Removal Centres and other locations from the United Kingdom. The Home Office is responsible for the provision of bed space, escorting services and electronic monitoring. At any one time, approximately 3000 detained individuals can be held overnight in one of seven Immigration Removal Centres, 3 residential Short-Term Holding Facilities, a pre-departure accommodation and additional spaces including prisons and police stations across the United Kingdom. Persons can be detained for shorter periods of time in holding rooms at reporting centres, air and seaports.

To facilitate the transfer of detained individuals under Migration and Economic Development Partnerships, it is necessary to provide sufficient escort and transportation staff to enable their safe and secure passage. This includes the transportation of detained individuals with no legal basis to remain in the UK to an overseas destination and transfer to appropriate authorities upon arrival. Appropriate safeguards will be required for individuals being transferred with vulnerabilities, such as medical conditions or for those who refuse to comply with the transfer.

The Authority is seeking a commercial partner to provide a number of fully integrated services. These services include (but are not limited to):

- The escorting and transportation of detained and non-detained individuals within the UK (In-Country Escorting Services).

- The escorting of detained and non-detained individuals to and from the UK and to and from an overseas destination (Overseas Escorting) including the escorting of individuals from the UK to an overseas destination whereby a legal agreement has been signed to deliver MEDP.
- Collection, transportation, and escorting individuals on a charter to an overseas destination, and where required returning individuals to an immigration removal centre where those individuals do not leave on the charter or are returned to the UK.

This service is volumetric and any estimated values may be subject to change up or down depending on the amount of activity undertaken during the life of contract.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £78,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The potential length of contract will be 3 years from service commencement, with options to extend on one or more occasions up to a maximum of a further 3 years. The estimated value in this PIN is for the initial 3 year term from service commencement.

The content of this PIN, including the nature of services and estimated value, may be subject to change. Note that services may include but not be limited to current and future MEDP locations and other immigration escorting and related service requirements.

II.2.14) Additional information

Market engagement events will be held for interested Suppliers on 28th - 29th March 2023 (subject to change). These will be held virtually. Further details of events to follow upon receipt of a signed NDA.

Contact: Escorting-Commercial@homeoffice.gov.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 October 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

1. To express an interest, participants must first be registered on the Home Office eSourcing Suite. If you have not yet registered, this can be done online at <https://homeoffice.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html> by following the 'Register Here' link. Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering and who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.

2. Email: Escorting-Commercial@homeoffice.gov.uk

Title of email: MEDP Escorting Procurement - Expression of Interest

Email to include: Organisation name, Contact name, E-mail address and telephone number.

Once above steps are completed, documents will be made available via the portal, subject to parties signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

Market engagement events will be held for interested Suppliers on 28th - 29th March 2023 (subject to change). These will be held virtually. Further details of events to follow upon receipt of a signed NDA.

The contract falls under Regulation 74 of and Schedule 3 to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. As a result, the Authority has determined the procurement procedure that is being followed. The Authority will ensure that the procurement procedure is at least sufficient to ensure compliance with the principles of transparency and equal treatment of Bidders.

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