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Audience Services

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Broadcasting

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Audience Services

Reference number

PROC 2024 01 JP

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79342300 - Customer services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The BBC is looking to procure customer management services to support a broad range of services including:

- Handling editorial and non-editorial complaints
- Responding to enquiries
- Managing comments & appreciations
- Technical support for iPlayer, Sounds, BBC Account
- Reception Advice
- BBC Action Lines
- BBC Charitable Appeals & Donations collections (Lifeline & Radio 4)
- Artist mail
- Ticketing for BBC shows
- Take Part in a show

- BBC Switchboard

The BBC has a mission to act in the public interest, serving all audiences through the provision of impartial, high-quality and distinctive output and services which continue to inform, educate and entertain. Audience Services supports this by continuing to put our audiences at the heart of our operation, providing them exceptional service, irrespective of channel. We engage them with respect and understanding and work to build audience loyalty to the BBC and the Licence Fee.

Our strategic objectives are to:

- Manage the front door to the BBC, ensuring that audience members are heard, driving a seamless experience across the customer engagement
- Unlock innovation to future proof the service, leveraging technology where it adds value and enables the customer journey
- Uphold brand reputation by engaging with audience members in a respectful manner, building trust and demonstrating BBC values
- Amplify the value of the service and audience sentiment by cascading insights to help inform editorial and operational decision making

Any new solution or technology employed must enhance and improve our ability to handle all contacts in a consistent, timely and appropriate way. This includes issues which are serious, complex or may potentially pose reputational damage.

Our approach is to reprocure the current service scope, excluding the hosting of our Customer Relationship Management System (which will be migrated across to the BBC's Azure tenancy ahead of contract award) but including requirements to manage the BBC's Switchboard. The new contract will aim to make provision for change, including scope expansion elements (e.g. increased use of social media) that complement the existing service stack, and align ourselves to key BBC objectives, in particular 'Digital First'.

Before you are able to register your interest in this PQQ via the Jaggaer portal, you must please send a signed copy of the NDA to jonathan.palfreeman@bbc.co.uk and elaine.gannuny@bbc.co.uk. This can be found under the 'Opportunity Listing' at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/opportunities> and clicking on 'View Current Opportunities'.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £47,920,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22459000 - Tickets
- 64214200 - Telephone switchboard services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The over-riding objective of the procurement is to enhance the service offering whilst maintaining the high quality of the services enjoyed by audiences today. Potential efficiency opportunities are being assessed for all service lines, in particular how the introduction of new technologies such as AI can augment case handling making our skilled agents even more efficient and effective. We also want to make better use of the rich data we compile to help us drive audience insights across the BBC. Examples of potential use cases already identified include:

- Sifting and grouping contacts which relate to the same issue, which can be handled via bulk responses
- Drawing from our Knowledge database to draft responses for agents to review
- Increasing audience self-service via dynamic FAQ surfaced using Chatbot

However, we want to make use of the negotiation phase of this procurement to work with bidders to really develop this thinking and ensure we deliver the best operating model possible for the next generation of Audience Services. The procurement intends to award the contract to a single supplier to provide a seamless end-to-end service to audiences in conjunction with the BBC team.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The BBC is looking to enter into the contract in March 2025 to allow for a potential 12 month transition period, if necessary, to Service Commencement on 16th April 2026.

The service provision will have an initial term of five years, anticipated to commence on 16th April 2026 and ending on 31st March 2031.

The Contract may be extended, at the BBC's discretion, by up to 24 or 36 months (subject to negotiations during the procurement procedure).

This would mean that the maximum length of the service provision could be 8 years.

The advertised total value includes all maximum, potential extensions to the contract.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

Where there is more than one economic operator, the BBC reserves the right to require a grouping of economic operators to take a particular legal form or to require a single economic operator to take primary liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and several liability.

Please register your interest in this project by taking the following steps: 1 - Register your company on the Jaggaer eSourcing portal (this is only required once): 1.1 Go to <https://bbc.bravosolution.co.uk> 1.2 - Click the link on the login page to register. 1.3 Accept the terms and conditions and click 'Continue'. 1.4 - Enter your correct business and user details. 1.5 - Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete. 1.6 - You will shortly receive an email with your temporary password. 2 - Express an interest in the tender: 2.1 - Login to the portal with the username/password. 2.2 - Click the 'PQQs/ITTs Open to all Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier). 2.3 - Click on the relevant PQQ/ITT to access the content. 2.4 - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the PQQ/ITT into your 'My PQQs/My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only. 2.5 - You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ITT Details' box. 3. Responding to the tender: 3.1 - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining). 3.2 - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification. 3.3 - Note the deadline for completion, and then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ITT. There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available). 3.4 You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance, please consult the online help, or contact the Jaggaer eSourcing help desk.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

3 April 2024

Local time

1:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

30 May 2024

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

In the case of technology requirements, the BBC may involve its technology partner (Atos IT Solutions and Services Limited) to assist in the scoping and drafting of invitations to tender and/or the evaluation of tenders. However, the final decision as to which is the most economically advantageous (by reference to the award criteria) will be made by the BBC. The awarding authority reserves the right not to award a contract and to annul the procurement process at any stage. Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in sterling and all payments will be made in sterling. The contract shall be subject to English law. The awarding authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any tender and reserves the right to accept part of a tender unless the tenderer expressly stipulates otherwise in the tender document.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Business and Property Courts of England and Wales – TCC

Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Building, Fetter Lane

London

EC4A 1NL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

As stated in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The applicable review time limits shall be as stated in Regulations 92 and 93 Public Contracts Regulations 2015.