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Award

Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus)

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Diplomacy and Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus)

Reference number

8566

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is to advise of a variation to the current contract for the provision of services to deliver Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus). The contract commenced on 22 February 2017 and was due for the expiry on 30 June 2025. FCDO plans to extend the contract to 30 April 2026.

The contract will be extended under the provisions of Regulation 72 (b) (ii) A change of contractor would cause significant inconvenience and duplication of costs for the period over which we are requesting an extension. It would be disruptive to downstream suppliers and beneficiaries. There is no increase in financial limit of the contract.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £18,324,192.80

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice relates to the extension of Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus) contract, which aims to improve the skills of the world's poorest developing country governments to effectively participate in international trade negotiations, particularly at the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 40

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

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IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

ecm_3883

Title

Trade and Investment Advocacy Fund (TAF2 Plus)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 February 2017

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Cowater UK Limited

Unit 307 Hamilton House 1 Temple Avenue

London

EC4Y 0HA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £18,324,192

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is to advise of a variation to the current contract. This extension period exceeds the term allowed for within the current contract.

The extension will be for 10 months from 30 June 2025 to 30 April 2025.

This is a time only extension, there will be no change to the overall financial limit of the contract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

FCDO

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London

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Country

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