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Planning

FCA Public Keys Infrastructure (PKI) as a Service

Financial Conduct Authority

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Financial Conduct Authority

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

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Internet address(es)

Main address

www.fca.org.uk

Buyer's address

www.fca.org.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-fca.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Financial Regulator

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Regulates financial services firms and Financial markets in the UK

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

FCA Public Keys Infrastructure (PKI) as a Service

Reference number

C2418

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212732 - Data security software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The FCA regulates financial services firms and financial markets in the UK. The FCA is responsible for ensuring that financial markets work well, so that consumers get a fair deal.

The FCA's strategic objective is to ensure that relevant markets function well and has three operational objectives:

to protect consumers

to protect financial markets

to promote competition

The FCA Head Office is based in London, but we also work across the UK, from our offices in Leeds and Edinburgh and via colleagues in Belfast and Cardiff.

The scope of the upcoming tender is to procure a Managed PKI solution and service to implement into the FCA to deliver a full end to end PKI solution.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212732 - Data security software development services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The existing FCA PKI service utilises multiple processes and manual intervention making the process slow and inefficient. A robust PKI service is crucial for maintaining trust, security, and privacy in digital communications by effectively managing cryptographic keys and certificates.

The FCA is seeking to procure a Public Key Infrastructure as a service (PKIaaS) solution to provide central key and certificate management across the FCA estate as well as to support end user devices and TLS. There is a requirement to establish ownership for the PKI service to increase transparency and provide accountability. The introduction of a PKIaaS will enable the FCA to move away from a localised PKI. There will be a requirement to rollout a cloud-based PKIaaS with integrated lifecycle management with a dedicated offline root Certificate Authority (CA) with certificate issuing capability. The certificates for public-facing websites will be integrated with PKIaaS and processes for automated certificate management developed. The solution must support integration with Intune, AzureAD Single Sign On, and FCA PAM solution.

II.2.14) Additional information

Open procedure will be utilised. The resulting contract from the upcoming tender will be for a 3year term valued at circa £730k per annum

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 April 2024

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

The contracting authority considers that this upcoming opportunity may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.