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Planning

UK Expertise for Green Cities and Infrastructure (GCI)

FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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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

Other activity

International Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UK Expertise for Green Cities and Infrastructure (GCI)

Reference number

PROJ10233

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The FCDO is seeking a supplier to support the implementation of a new programme focused on FCDO's objective to accelerate climate resilient inclusive economic development in developing countries. UK Expertise for Green Cities and Infrastructure (GCI) is central to delivering the FCDO's Centre of Expertise in Green Cities and Infrastructure. GCI will provide strategic and technical advice to posts and partner governments, working in partnership with British International Investment (BII) and the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) as well as (other) multilateral development partners (e.g. Multilateral Development Banks).

Investment in green cities and resilient infrastructure is vital to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals and to build back better after the pandemic. Low- and middle-income countries need to expand infrastructure investment seven-fold (to over \$1 trillion per year) just to support their transition to net zero. Investment will be driven by a range of UK stakeholders working in concert to deliver technical assistance to partner governments, addressing their infrastructure needs. High quality resilient infrastructure and well-functioning green cities are essential for economic and human development. To this end, GCI will provide high quality technical assistance to FCDO posts and partner governments to develop and implement low-carbon, resilient infrastructure projects in cities.

GCI will also play a role in unlocking investment opportunities for green infrastructure projects. UK expertise can bring prosperity to developing countries and to the UK by unlocking trade and investment and commercial opportunities for firms including UK businesses as part of the UK's wider strategic bilateral relationships.

GCI will build on a legacy of successful programmes, whilst expanding FCDO's capability to draw on the full range of HMG tools and levers including our external partnerships. The Centre of Expertise will coordinate with a number of other programmes, including UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (PACT), to provide technical support and strategic policy advice to FCDO posts. It will build on the lessons from the successful cities and infrastructure programmes (Global Future Cities, Cities and Infrastructure for Growth) delivered in recent years in DFID and the Prosperity Fund.

NB: GCI is the new name for the Centre for Resilient Cities and Infrastructure (<https://devtracker.fcdo.gov.uk/projects/GB-GOV-1-300566/summary>). Devtracker will be updated by end of March.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £31,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM95 - South Lanarkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a prior information notice (PIN) only: Publication and a call for competition will be conducted once the scope of work is fully defined and approved.

Please register on the FCDO Supplier Portal for this opportunity (PROJ10233) to receive all communication and updates (<https://fcdo.proactisportal.com/Account/Login>).

There will be an Early Market Engagement event held on 29/03/2022. For all information regarding times and the platform, please ensure to access these details within the additional information provided for PROJ10233 on the FCDO Supplier Portal.

Note, there are 2 elements to registration which must not be confused with each other.

1. Suppliers must register their interest to PROJ10233 on the FCDO Supplier Portal to ensure they receive all communications and updates (this is not registration to attend the event)
2. Within the profile of PROJ10233 on the portal, there is a questionnaire which will need to be completed to register for the EME event.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

8 April 2022

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