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Planning

Building Local Authority Capability in Product Safety, Legal Metrology and Construction Products

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Building Local Authority Capability in Product Safety, Legal Metrology and Construction Products

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80500000 - Training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) is part of the Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) was created in January 2018 to deliver consumer protection and to support business confidence, productivity and growth. We regulate a wide range of products with a focus on their safety and integrity. We work with local, national and international regulators, with consumer representatives and with businesses to deliver effective protections and to support compliance.

Our mission is to be a trusted product regulator for the UK. This means protecting people and places, enabling business to thrive and empowering consumers to make good choices. We will be a leader of good regulatory practice and a champion of local regulation.

OPSS is:

- the national regulator for all consumer products, except for vehicles, medicines and food.
- the national regulator for legal metrology, ensuring weighing and measuring instruments are accurate and reliable.

Further information about OPSS can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-product-safety-and-standards>

OPSS supports national and local coordination of regulation to join up regulatory delivery in its policy areas.

The project will deliver a programme of activities (through training and e-learning packages) to develop skills and capability in LARS (Local Authority Regulatory Services including Trading Standards in England, Wales and Scotland and Environmental Health regulators in Northern Ireland) and support coordination of national and local regulation. Each activity will require a defined learning outcome.

As a guide, activities will include practical & taught courses, delivered via one or more of the following methods: in person, e- learning or online interactive courses. These courses may include, but are not limited to:

- Increasing confidence in basic construction products regulation
- Developing skills and expertise in construction products
- Legal Metrology - legal updates and training; practical application and hands on experience of equipment and techniques in specified topics
- Product Safety -
 - o How to carry out Risk Assessments; using the Product Safety Database and Prism
 - o PAS 7050 & 7100 practical workshops
- Northern Ireland Regulators Learning and Development in specific specialist topics
- A programme of mini webinars on specialist Legal Metrology and Product Safety topics as specified
- Leadership Development for aspiring Regulatory Leaders
- Developing an online e learning package which will be hosted on Regulators Companion for:
 - o PAS 7050
 - o Legal Metrology (average quantity, Liquid Fuel Measuring Instruments, licensed Premises Inspection)

During the lifetime of the contract the supplier will be required to evaluate learning – both the method of its delivery and its success - and continually assess future needs to inform development of further programmes to be delivered each year.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI32 - Westminster

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please see the description above - II.1.4. Short description

II.2.14) Additional information

OPSS are conducting a supplier engagement event which will provide more information about the opportunity and what we expect from suppliers. We would like to invite prospective bidders to attend a pre-market engagement session on 30 March at 12:30 via MS Teams. Should you wish to attend, please register your interest using the contact details below

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 March 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: Yes