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Tender

Print Marketplace 2

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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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

Print Marketplace 2

Reference number

RM6371

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79800000 - Printing and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) is seeking a self-service print platform to bring under management the high-volume, low-spend print requirements across the public sector, allowing access to a pre-qualified, dynamic and local supplier base who offer real-time pricing across the print landscape. This will enable end users to access the best solution for their print requirements based on variables including price and location. It is anticipated that this will be through an external-facing technology platform that provides real-time access to a vendor database of local printers who can offer dynamic pricing for customers' various print requirements.

This framework will have a single supplier lot and can be used by Central Government and UK public sector bodies.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £22,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 22100000 - Printed books, brochures and leaflets
- 22110000 - Printed books
- 22111000 - School books
- 22150000 - Brochures
- 22160000 - Booklets
- 22440000 - Cheque forms
- 22450000 - Security-type printed matter
- 22456000 - Permits
- 22457000 - Entrance cards
- 22458000 - Bespoke printed matter
- 22459000 - Tickets
- 22459100 - Advertising stickers and strips
- 22460000 - Trade-advertising material, commercial catalogues and manuals
- 22461000 - Catalogues
- 22461100 - List holders
- 22462000 - Advertising material
- 22470000 - Manuals
- 22820000 - Forms
- 22821000 - Electoral forms
- 22822000 - Business forms
- 22822100 - Continuous business forms
- 22822200 - Non-continuous business forms
- 22900000 - Miscellaneous printed matter
- 30197630 - Printing paper
- 30197640 - Self-copy or other copy paper

- 30197643 - Photocopier paper
- 30197645 - Card for printing
- 30211300 - Computer platforms

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single supplier for the provision of a technology platform for a self-serve print solution. This will enable end users in the public sector to access real-time pricing on a dynamic basis from local print suppliers for a wide range of print requirements.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £22,000,000

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

Duration in months

54

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: 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

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that following the award of the framework contract there will be a non-trading mobilisation implementation period until the 15th December 2024. The 16th December 2024 is when provision of the RM6371 Print Marketplace 2 is expected to go live (start).

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

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an invitation to tender (ITT) registering for access.

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

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-004693](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

15 April 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

15 April 2024

Local time

3:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

As part of this contract notice the following documents can be accessed at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/971b3774-18c5-4c13-9010-23f1486de8ee>

- 1) Contract notice transparency information for the agreement;
- 2) Contract notice authorised customer list;
- 3) Rights reserved for CCS framework.

The Government Security Classifications (GSC) Policy came into force on 2 April 2014 and describes how HM Government classifies information assets to ensure they are appropriately protected. It applies to all information that the Government collects, stores, processes, generates or shares to deliver services and conduct business.

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for Central Government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders must be able to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

Refer to <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyber-essentials-faqs> for more information.

Some purchases under this framework Agreement may have requirements that can be met under this Framework Agreement but the purchase of which may be exempt from the Procurement Regulations (as defined in Attachment 1 – About the framework within the invitation to tender documentation). In such cases, Call-offs from this Framework will be unregulated purchases for the purposes of the Procurement Regulations, and the buyers may, at their discretion, modify the terms of the Framework and any Call-off Contracts to reflect that buyer's specific needs.

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Please note the contract period is for 48 months with a 6 month implementation period.

Registering for access:

This procurement will be managed electronically via the eSourcing suite. This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with bidders. If you have recently registered on the eSourcing suite for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.

Use the following link for information on how register and use the eSourcing tool:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers>

For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help desk operated by email at
eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk or call 0345 410 2222.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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