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Planning

Prison Leavers Innovation Challenge (PLIC)

Ministry of Justice.

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement>

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

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Prison Leavers Innovation Challenge (PLIC)

Reference number

prj_6455

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Announcement of a potential Innovation Partnership challenge aimed at Small and Medium Enterprises developing technology-based solutions, intending to support those who are re-entering society after leaving Prison. Expected to be rolled out in May 2021

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £125,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 75230000 - Justice services

- 85321000 - Administrative social services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England and Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Prison Leavers Innovation Challenge - SBRI Competition

The Prison Leavers Innovation Challenge is part of the Prison Leavers Project, a new £20m innovation programme that aims to develop, test and pilot innovative methods to reduce crime and its impact on society.

The Innovation Challenge looks specifically at how suppliers can design and implement novel products, features and solutions to a variety of challenges in areas that can lead people to commit crime.

The Ministry of Justice as the authority intends to run a series of pilots for the development and testing of new technologies to the support available for people leaving prison, reducing the harms associated with crime.

Having conducted an extensive discovery phase to identify and prioritise areas of opportunity, we have designed specific challenges and requirements which will be advertised in early May.

The challenges will reflect a variety of opportunities within these four broad areas:

Health and Wellbeing – Effective management of health and wellbeing is proven to reduce a person's likelihood of committing crime. We are therefore seeking solutions that aim to help prison leavers manage their development, goal setting, community inclusion, among other aspects of wellbeing.

Work and Skills – Building a positive, non-criminal identity, and having the right skills and access to work and education is key to keeping people from a cycle of crime. We are therefore seeking solutions that support the re-education and upskilling of people leaving prison. Solutions may also focus on upskilling prison and probation staff on specific issues related to prison leaver rehabilitation.

Communities and Relationships – Building new, pro-social community ties stops prison leavers engaging with old criminal networks after release, risking a relapse to criminal activity. We are therefore seeking solutions helping to connect prison leavers to their families and community in the spirit of rehabilitation and the reduction of crime.

Day of Release – Prison leavers' engagement with key organisations on their day of release builds ongoing relationships with services that steer them away from returning to crime. We are therefore seeking solutions helping to coordinate prison leavers' interaction with numerous services on day of release, including through communication with probation services, other Government services and support groups. Solutions may also focus on enabling communities to better integrate the prison leaver during the initial hours and days of their release.

Solutions can be delivered in a variety of technological products, including but not limited to: digital platforms, mobile apps, desktop applications, SaaS platforms, tablet applications, B2B, VR & AR, social network, CyberSecurity Vault, Edtech platforms, location-based services and productivity tools.

These pilots will be run as a two-phase Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) competition and will be seeking novel technologies and approaches that are not currently available on the market.

II.2.14) Additional information

Reg.31 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR2015) introduces the innovation partnership as a direct transposition of Art 31 of Directive 2014/24.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/regulation/31/made>

This is a Small Business Research Initiative Challenge sponsored by the Ministry of Justice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sbri-the-small-business-research-initiative>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 May 2021

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: No

