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Planning

Chevening and Marshall Administration Contract

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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Scope

Reference

Project_12388

Description

This project covers the Marshall Scholarship Programme which is the UK's flagship US-UK scholarships programme and the Chevening Programme which provides individuals who show the potential to inspire, inform, and influence positive change, with an opportunity to study at a UK university and gain a UK educational qualification. We are procuring for a provider to deliver these Scholarships. Likely administration contract requirements include;

Programme Delivery

Marketing and Communications

Alumni Engagement

Partnerships

Finance

Monitoring and Evaluation

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2027 to 31 August 2030
- Possible extension to 31 August 2032
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75121000 - Administrative educational services
- 79342000 - Marketing services
- 75112000 - Administrative services for business operations

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 February 2026

Engagement process description

Summary of the Requirement

The FCDO is seeking to engage with the market ahead of a planned procurement to appoint a delivery partner to manage the end to end administration of two flagship international scholarship programmes:

- Chevening Scholarships – operating globally across 160+ countries
- Marshall Scholarships – supporting US UK academic exchange

The future supplier will be responsible for delivering services including:

- Global communications and outreach
- Application and selection management
- Scholar and fellow placement support
- Pre departure services and UK based welfare
- Alumni engagement
- Monitoring, evaluation, data and reporting

- Financial administration and partnership management

The supplier must demonstrate innovation, operational resilience, global reach, and strong commitments to social value, inclusion, diversity, sustainability, and value for money.

Purpose of This Engagement

The purpose of this PME is to:

- Test market interest and capacity
- Refine the requirement and commercial model
- Explore potential delivery approaches
- Assess capability across relevant service areas
- Inform the final route to market decision (CCS FADS (RM6322) DPS or full PA23 open competition)

This engagement is not a call for competition.

Participation will not affect the ability of suppliers to compete in any future procurement.

The FCDO intends to host a virtual supplier engagement session

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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 December 2026

Contracting authority

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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