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## **Public Finance Resource Centre (PFRC)**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F02: Contract notice

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**26 May 2023, 12:00pm**

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

[www.gov.uk/fcdo/](http://www.gov.uk/fcdo/)

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://fcdo.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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Public Finance Resource Centre (PFRC)

Reference number

301055

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

FCDO pursues our national interests and projects the UK as a force for good in the world. We promote the interests of British citizens, safeguard the UK's security, defend our values, reduce poverty and tackle global challenges with our international partners.

Against a backdrop of continued slow growth, capital market uncertainty, and worsening debt positions for many developing countries, the International Finance Division's (IFD) objective is to support countries on the path to sustainable financing; breaking the cycles of unsustainable debt and need for debt relief and developing green and resilient capital markets.

We will do this by supporting countries to improve revenue mobilisation and strengthening

responsible private sector and international financing. We also seek a step change in the way public finances are transparently managed and accounted for - from debt management to expenditure and procurement, through to greater financial preparedness for major disasters.

In support of this objective the Public Finance and Tax Department (PFTD) within IFD is establishing a UK Centre of Expertise for Public Finance to help partner countries access technical expertise as part of HMG's broader offer to developing countries. The Centre will provide access to world class peer-to-peer support, such as from HMRC, frontier learning from globally recognised UK institutions, and from local suppliers.

A new advisory offer, the Public Finance Resource Centre (PFRC) has been developed as part of this Centre of Expertise. The Resource Centre is intended to mobilise flexible technical assistance more quickly than is currently available, responding to clear demand for such support from partner countries.

FCDO are seeking to procure a service provider to manage the delivery arm of the new Public Finance Resource Centre (PFRC). The Resource Centre will support countries to become self-sufficient - shaping open and resilient economies and societies. It will do this by responding quickly and flexibly to windows of opportunity, identified by FCDO, to address key barriers to revenue mobilisation, transparent Public Financial Management (PFM), tax, macro-fiscal and debt management, where current delivery models struggle to respond in a timely way.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £93,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Global

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The contract will operate for 48 months from the Commencement Date with a number of break points and extensions as detailed below. The total budget available for the services to be provided under this contract will be between £14,000,000 and £65,000,000 (inclusive of all applicable taxes).

- First potential extension: As above upper value limit – time extension only of up to 36 months
- Followed by a second extension of up to 36 months and up to an additional £28,000,000 taking the total contract value up to a maximum of £93,000,000.

The contract will be subject to the following break points:

1. Contract mid-term review point, 24 months after contract commencement
2. Pre-First Extension at around 42 months from the commencement date following an independent programme mid-term review which will inform whether the FCDO takes up the first extension
3. Pre-Second Extension – up to 6 months prior to the first extension expiring the FCDO will conduct a further review which will inform if the FCDO takes up the option for the second extension.

Key characteristics and skills we are seeking in a Supplier will be detailed in the Terms of Reference (ToR). FCDO would welcome the participation of both national and international organisations.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £65,000,000

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

Duration in months

120

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

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**Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

Originally published as:

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12 May 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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Date

26 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

12 May 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

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#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

FCDO

London

Country

United Kingdom



