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Tender

Costs Lawyer Services 2

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030d0e

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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

Costs Lawyer Services 2

Reference number

RM6284

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority intends to put in place a Pan Government Collaborative Agreement which will provide costs law services to the Public Sector.

This framework will consist of 3 lots:

Lot 1 General Costs Law Services,

Lot 2 Clinical Negligence Specialist Services; and

Lot 3: Security Clearance Specialist Services.

The framework will be established for 36 months with an option to extend for 1 further period of 12 months.

We are running this competition using the 'open procedure. This procurement is being conducted under the Light Touch Regime ('LTR') therefore subject to limited regulation and conducted in accordance with regulations 74 to 76 PCR 2015.

The supplier shall provide services to buyers in the jurisdictional area of England and

Wales. Further information is included in the Additional Information section VI.3.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

General Costs Law Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is for General Costs Law Services and covers costs services for both budgeted and

non-budgeted work, for the receiving and paying party as required by the Buyer at call off.

For further information concerning the scope of the services please refer to Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) of the Terms and Conditions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for +12 months

CCS reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

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

A framework contract will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 1. The maximum number of bidders may increase where 2 or more bidders have tied scores in last position for the lot. Additionally, CCS reserves the right to award to any bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last position of the lot.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Clinical Negligence Specialist Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide all aspects of costs law and law costs draftsman services in the support of clinical negligence claims brought against public sector organisations

For further information concerning the scope of the services please refer to Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) of the Terms and Conditions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £35,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Framework is 36 months, with an option to extend for +12 months

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Variants will be accepted: No

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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

A framework contract will be awarded to a maximum of 8 bidders for Lot 2. The maximum number of bidders may increase where 2 or more bidders have tied scores in last position for the lot. Additionally, CCS reserves the right to award to any bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last position of the lot.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Security Clearance Specialist Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will provide all aspects of costs law and law costs draftsman services in the support of legal disputes and legal litigation matters that require security cleared fee earners and service providers.

For further information concerning the scope of the services please refer to Framework Schedule 1 (Specification) of the Terms and Conditions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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Variants will be accepted: No

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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

A framework contract will be awarded to a maximum of 3 bidders for Lot 3. The maximum number of bidders may increase where 2 or more bidders have tied scores in last position for the lot. Additionally, CCS reserves the right to award to any bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last position of the lot.

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 several operators

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: [2022/S 000-001653](#)

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

Date

5 May 2023

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

5 May 2023

Local time

3:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

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

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/5113c7ee-1753-47a1-8526-9c7962b2b163>

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

On 2.4.2014 Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders should make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact this requirement. This link provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>

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.

CCS reserve the right to award a framework to any bidder whose final score is within 1% of the last position.

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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