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Tender

ID 4545855 - DoJ - Analytical Services Group (ASG) - Provision of SPSS Licencing

Department of Justice

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03bd9b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department of Justice

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BELFAST

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ID 4545855 - DoJ - Analytical Services Group (ASG) - Provision of SPSS Licencing

Reference number

ID 4545855

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Analytical Services Group (ASG) is the statistical and research team posted within the Department of Justice (DoJ). ASG has utilised SPSS software for more than 15 years, manipulating and interrogating data to provide statistical and research support to DoJ. During that time, the team have gained extensive experience of using the package and considerable resource has been invested in the development and creation of syntax coding to enable continual data validation and analysis; analysis and linkages to excel and desktop publishing systems are also set up in SPSS. Statisticians have built extensive knowledge of using this package through both formal training and on the job learning and it has become an important tool in the statistical production process. This tender is for procurement of software subscription and support of SPSS licenses for use by ASG. The initial contract period is for 3 years with the option to extend by two years on a 1 plus, 1 plus basis. The maximum potential contract period is 5 years. Please see document entitled "ID 4545855 - Specification" for full details of the requirement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £186,000

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 85

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £186,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Contract is for an initial period of 3 years with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 1 year each (3yrs+1yr+1yr)

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

The Department of Justice, Analytical Services Group are seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision and support of SPSS licences. Please refer to document. ID 4545855 - Specification for more information on this requirement. The figure indicated in II.2.6 of £186,00.00 GBP represents the potential value of the contract over the maximum contract term. Neither CPD nor the Authority can guarantee any level of work under this contract.

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

Date

11 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

Tender must be valid until: 9 August 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 May 2023

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: This contract will potentially be due to be re-procured after the initial contract period and/or following any extensions

VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored. Contractors.. not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor.. fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they.. still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further.. action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded.. as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of unsatisfactory performance and this contract may.. be terminated. . . A central register of such notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD.. website. Any contractor in receipt of a notice of unsatisfactory performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions.. for a period of 3 years from the date of issue of the notice. It may also result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement.. competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement.. Policy. . . The authority expressly reserves the rights:. . (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced. by. publication of this notice;. (ii) to make. whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition;. .. (iii). to award (a) contract(s) in... respect of any. part(s) of the (services) covered by this notice; and. . (iv) to award contract(s) in stages and. in no. circumstances will the... authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended

United Kingdom

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.