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Planning

Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) 2

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Climate Finance Accelerator (CFA) 2

Reference number

prj_1830

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Climate Finance Accelerator is part of the UK's efforts to support climate action at scale by improving the quality of emerging green businesses and initiatives in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies and matches them to relevant investors. It also fosters action to address relevant policy and regulatory barriers.

So far, under the current £12.4m phase of the programme, nearly 200 projects have been supported across ten countries. The first 30 of these projects have progressed to close deals worth \$344m.

The CFA is funded by UK Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), under the International Climate Finance (ICF) portfolio, as part of the UK Government's £11.6 billion commitment to support ODA-eligible countries to respond to the challenges and opportunities of climate change.

DESNZ is procuring the next phase of the programme and will run a final market engagement event on the 29th of April 2024 at 11:00-12:45 (BST) ahead of publishing the invitation to tender, expected w/c 20 May. The link to sign up for the market engagement event is:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Rm3dvbbBWJ>

The second phase of CFA (CFA 2) is expected to support at least 800 projects in 16

countries.

The contract term will be 5 + 3 (or any portion of 3 years). The value of the 5 year initial term is £38.75m with modification options of up to £50.40m, totalling up to £89.15m for the 5 year initial term.

The contract will have options to extend up to 3 years, with modification options of up to £72.60m. With all modifications and extensions included, the maximum potential total contract value is up to £161.75m.

Further information and documents relating to the existing CFA programme and the planned procurement for CFA 2 are available on the Department's e-procurement portal:

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=56485>

This includes draft statements of requirements (SoR), commercial approach, previous EME slides and Q&A. The Department is welcoming feedback on the latest SoR and commercial approach up until 13:00 on 3 May 2024. To provide feedback please use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/c4MRffeiWs>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £161,750,000

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

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The elements of the initial contract scope are listed below:

Workstream A: Global management and oversight

- 1) Element 1 – Establishment of global operations
- 2) Element 2 – Establishment of country operations
- 3) Element 3 – Stakeholder management
- 4) Element 4 – Regional and UK events
- 5) Element 5 – Knowledge products and sharing
- 6) Element 6 – Monitoring and Evaluation
- 7) Element 7 – Reporting
- 8) Element 8 – Programme management and governance

Workstream B: Country delivery and project support

- 9) Element 9 – Landscape Review
- 10) Element 10 – Project selection
- 11) Element 11 – Provision of project specific support
- 12) Element 12 – Sustainable embedding of the CFA markers within local financial ecosystems

The possible modification options listed below provide options to support CFA's Theory of Change during contract delivery and do not represent a commitment from DESNZ. All options are subject to further governance controls, contract performance and the continuing needs of the contract.

1. 'Platform' delivery: enabling other UK government budget holders (e.g., FCDO) to secure CFA outputs in other countries where they are additional to the scope of the DESNZ business case.
2. Change in country prioritisation: flexibility to change CFA-supported countries in response to emergent threats and opportunities.

3. Contract extension to enable sustainable exit: flexibility to extend delivery in countries where embedding is likely to occur in the near future but the country does not have sufficient budget allocated.
4. Extension of CFA in existing countries: where CFA has demonstrable success, further funding could be made available to support a higher number of projects or to provide deeper capacity building support.
5. Expansion of technical assistance to financial institutions and other in-country investment vehicles: Boosting CFA's impact by expanding provision of support to relevant CFA stakeholders.
6. Technical support provided for additional sectors: Boosting CFA's impact by expanding provision of support to new sectors.
7. Enhanced direct offer to alumni projects to unlock investment opportunities: deeper support could include awarding grant funding, providing intermediation services, or supporting a deeper online presence to showcase deal opportunities.
8. Supporting time extension: extending the contract by a maximum of 36 months.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 May 2024

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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