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Tender

## **Safety Tech Challenge Fund**

Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

United Kingdom

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Administration-services./99YW3M2MS2>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/99YW3M2MS2>

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Recreation, culture and religion

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Safety Tech Challenge Fund

Reference number

102451

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

- 75100000 - Administration services

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

Services

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

Managed Service requirement for design and administration of the Safety Tech Challenge Fund. A competition challenging UK Safety Tech firms to develop innovative technological solutions addressing the challenges faced by the move by online platforms to end-to-end encrypted environments. The service required will fall into 3 distinct phases: 1) Design and Preparation of the competition; 2) Launch and Application and 3) Development and Assessment.

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

Value excluding VAT: £650,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

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

DCMS requires an external supplier to deliver the Safety Tech Challenge Fund, a competition challenging safety tech firms to develop innovative technological solutions to address online abuse.

The Supplier will be required to lead on the delivery of the competition, including designing and administering successive phases in line with the direction and timeframe specified by HMG, including the delivery, monitoring and assurance of grant funding to selected companies. The challenge should be launched and invite applications by August/September 2021, and be open until 31 March 2022.

Throughout these phases, the Supplier will:

be required to lead on the design, delivery and administration of the competition, including allocation of grant prizes;

provide publicity and communications for the competition, working with relevant Departmental Press Offices.

The Supplier will not:

Make final decisions regarding the choice of firms to be awarded grants or prizes, except through the sift of applications at the assessment phase. The Fund sponsors (DCMS, Home Office, GCHQ) have decision-making authority in this regard

The outcome of the challenge will be the development of technological solutions with the potential to create lasting impact by improving the capability of companies to detect harmful and illegal content and behaviour, while respecting user privacy. In doing this, the challenge will also aim to create an environment for the forging of partnerships and the exchange of expertise between safety tech innovators and those who use their products.

## **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: £650,000

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

Start date

19 July 2021

End date

31 March 2022

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

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

Receipt of tenders MUST be no later than 12:00 noon (GMT) on 28 June 2021

The Department may extend the contract for a further one year in tree month increments

The estimated budget value of £650,000 is split into (1) Fund Administration of £225,000 maximum and (2) Prize fund pool of £425,000 minimum.

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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**

Date

28 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

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

Date

28 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Place

UK

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

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

Receipt of tenders MUST be no later than 12:00 noon (GMT) on 28th June 2021.

The Department reserves the right to extend the contract for a further 3 months and the estimated value of the contract value provided within the contract notice includes any possible contract extension.

The estimated budget value for these requirements is £650,000. This budget covers:

the administrative cost of running, promoting and evaluating the fund, and supporting the fund participants (this must be no more than £225,000);

the pool of prize funding, to be divided between five recipient companies (the prize fund pool must be no less than £425,000, which would provide £85,000 funding to each company).

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Administration-services./99YW3M2MS2>

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

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

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