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Planning

Language Services

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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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

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

Other activity

Public Procurement

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Language Services

Reference number

RM6302

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79540000 - Interpretation 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 for the provision of Language Services to be utilised by Central Government Departments and all other UK Public Sector Bodies, including Local Authorities, Health, Police, Fire and Rescue, Education and Devolved Administrations.

The lotting structure of this agreement will be determined as a result of the market engagement.

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

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48740000 - Foreign language translation software package
- 64211000 - Public-telephone services
- 72212740 - Foreign language translation software development services
- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services
- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community
- 79530000 - Translation services
- 79821100 - Proofreading services
- 79822300 - Typesetting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Crown Commercial Service, as the Contracting Authority, intends to put in place a commercial agreement to replace the existing provision for language services. Core services will include, but not limited to the following:

Translation Services

Transcription Services

Spoken and non-spoken Interpreting Services (including Face to Face, video and telephone interpreting services)

The framework will be available to UK public sector organisations to provide services throughout the UK and abroad.

Services will be available 365 days a year and 24 hours a day.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 July 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

This Prior Information Notice is to signal an intention to commence market engagement with those within the language services market.

Crown Commercial Service intends to hold market engagement sessions during June 2023 onwards with suppliers interested in potentially bidding for this commercial agreement.

If you are interested in attending a market engagement session please submit your details into the following GoogleForm via this link: <https://forms.gle/WPbhcZAk9Z4qTsVu5> no later than midday on 19.05.2023.

Alternatively, if you are having access issues you can email info@crowcommercial.gov.uk. If the latter you must clearly state: the name of your organisation, and contact details (email and telephone number) for the individual(s) who will participate in the market engagement.

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) will use an eSourcing system for this competition and reserves the right to use an electronic auction. The eSourcing system we will use is [<https://crowcommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>].

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so.

The value in II.1.5 is an indicative value over 4 years.

The date in II.3) is the estimated date of publication, please refer to the CCS website page <https://www.crowcommercial.gov.uk/agreements/upcoming> Crown for updates and monitor Find A Tender Service for the publication of the contract notice.

A Future Opportunity on contract finder can be found here: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/0c19cddd-2bb9-4269-bdc8-88b154dad73c>