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## **Chagossians Higher Education Bursaries Scheme**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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

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

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**Region code**

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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://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://fcdo.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**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Chagossians Higher Education Bursaries Scheme

Reference number

itt\_6347

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

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

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

Services

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

Chagossians are the former inhabitants of the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) / Chagos Archipelago.

In 2016, the UK Government made a commitment to provide £40m of support to the Chagossian community. As part of this commitment, FCDO have funded a number of projects in the UK and Mauritius, including a bursary scheme for Chagossians with Middlesex University Mauritius (MUM). FCDO's contract with MUM will end in August 2024. To date, 11 Chagossians have benefitted from bursaries awarded by MUM.

FCDO would like to continue their support for the community by putting in place a further scheme for Chagossians to benefit from higher education for the 24/25 academic year and beyond.

The successful bidder will design and deliver a bursary scheme for eligible Chagossians to enable recipients to improve their employment prospects (the "Impact") through completing higher education courses (the "Outcome"). Successful delivery of this programme will require the following objectives to be met (the "Outputs"):

- Eligible Chagossians successfully apply for bursaries and begin relevant courses.
- Bursary recipients receive a high-quality education and suitable pastoral support.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- MU - Mauritius
- UK - United Kingdom

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

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#### **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: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Please note the estimated value of this requirement is up to a maximum of £3 million. This figure includes an initial Contract of up to 60 months at a value up to £2 million with optional extensions of up to 36-month and/or £1 million (which may be exercised at any point during the life of the contract). The estimated value includes all applicable taxes, and tenderers should include all applicable taxes in their tenders.

### **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**

To access the tender documents please login/register to FCDO's eTendering Portal <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>. For any technical issues with the Portal, please call eTendering helpdesk: +44 0203 868 2859 or use the "Call me Back!" functionality (recommended, especially if contacting from outside of UK). Any issues accessing the tender documents should be also reported to Nicola Burleigh.

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## **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

By contract start date the successful bidder must be;

1. Registered as a higher education provider with the UK Office for Students (OFS)
2. Accredited by the Mauritius Higher Education Commission
3. Provide face-to-face tuition at a campus in Mauritius
4. Have a UK campus to which bursary recipients studying in Mauritius could transfer if they wished.
5. Offer a wide-range of foundation, undergraduate, and post-graduate degree courses

#### **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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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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

20 May 2024

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

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

Date

20 May 2024

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

East Kilbride

Country

United Kingdom