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Planning

Construction Products Testing Framework

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Construction Products Testing Framework

Reference number

CPTF17052022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS), part of the department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), was created in January 2018 to deliver consumer protection and to support business confidence, productivity, and growth. We regulate a wide range of products with a focus on their safety and integrity. We work with local, national, and international regulators, with consumer representatives and with businesses to deliver effective protections and to support compliance.

Our mission is to be a trusted product regulator for the UK. This means protecting people and places, enabling business to thrive and empowering consumers to make good choices. We will be a leader of good regulatory practice and a champion of local regulation.

OPSS is:

- the national regulator for all consumer products, except for vehicles, medicines, and food.
- the national regulator for legal metrology, ensuring weighing and measuring instruments are accurate and reliable.

Suppliers are strongly encouraged to read the text at the following link to gain a full understanding of the role of the enforcement services with Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-regulation-enforcement-services>

As the national regulator for Construction Products (CPR) OPSS will often be required to test products available on the market to ensure that manufacturers are accurate in their marketing materials and that products are, above all else, safe.

Previously, the approach of OPSS was to run a multitude of separate testing contract tenders throughout the year. However, this approach has proven to be very inefficient, time consuming and expensive.

Therefore, the new approach will be to create a Construction Products Testing Framework. The framework will be divided up into multiple "lots", each covering a different aspect of Construction Product testing. Suppliers will be asked to submit applications to gain access to the framework based on their expertise, testing remit and location. If successful, the supplier will then be listed under the applicable lots in the framework.

Once on the framework, suppliers will be contracted on a call-off contract basis when testing is required. Specific details of the requirement including number of samples, testing standards, evidential handling requirements, timescales etc. will be provided closer to the time.

We are hosting a supplier engagement event where we will provide more information about this opportunity and what we expect to see from suppliers. It will also serve as an opportunity for suppliers to gain a better understanding of the new direction OPSS will be taking testing contracts in the future.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Reaction to Fire

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Resistance to Fire

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Mechanical/Structural

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Energy Efficiency & Net Zero

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Electrical

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Chemical

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 July 2022

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

The supplier engagement event will be held on 23rd June at 10:00 hrs (BST) and be conducted via MS Teams. If you're interested in this opportunity please contact Liam Barker, see contact details above, for gaining the access information to the event.