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Award

Contract for the Provision of Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW)

Office for National Statistics

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ons.gov.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the Provision of Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW)

Reference number

PU-23-0001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Amendment of the Contract for the Provision of Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) without prior publication for a call for competition in the cases listed below:

The proposed amendment falls within the scope of the application of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) ("PCR"), Regulation 72(1)(f) and Regulation 72(5); and further (or alternatively), Regulation 72(1)(b) and 72(1)(e) of the PCR.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £40,678,319

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The contract will be amended to include additional services covering multi-modal survey design, including online questionnaire development and research services related to the implementation of an online survey. These additional service elements will realign the scope of the original contract to the contracting authority's current requirements and priorities, by providing comprehensive support for the creation and implementation of the online elements of the Crime Survey for England and Wales.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The inclusion of these additional services is necessary to meet the evolving needs of the project to deliver the contract for the provision of Crime Survey for England and Wales, and to ensure the successful completion of the objectives of that survey. The originally-awarded contract did not anticipate the need for the specific additional services covered by this notice (i.e. services covering multi-modal questionnaire design, including online questionnaire development and research services related to the implementation of an online survey), which have become essential due to changes in project requirements since the date when the contract was awarded. The work will be iterative, taking place in planned stages (discovery, alpha, beta) with pause and review taking place at each point, adjusting the course of online development as appropriate and to the extent necessary to implement the multimodal questionnaire successfully.

Owing to the proposed modification producing efficiencies elsewhere in the delivery of the contract by the same supplier, the contracting authority expects that the value of the contract will not increase as a result of the implementation of the modification to which this notice relates. The contracting authority therefore believes that the proposed modification falls within the ground for modification permitted by Regulation 72(1)(f) and Regulation 72(5) of the PCR, and can therefore be implemented without a new award procedure.

Further (or alternatively), but without prejudice to its belief in the applicability of Regulation 72(1)(f) and 72(5), the contracting authority believes that Regulation 72(1)(b) and/or 72(1)(e) of the PCR can also be relied on as also permitting the proposed modification.

In the case of Regulation 72(1)(b), this is because the contracting authority believes that (i) the additional services have become necessary, and (ii) have to be provided by the same supplier. This is because efficiencies will be produced elsewhere in the delivery of the survey if the same supplier provides the additional services, thereby avoiding an increase in the aggregate cost of delivering the survey which would be likely if a separate supplier were to deliver the multimodal survey instrument with the existing supplier delivering the balance of the survey. Such efficiencies will thereby avoid significant inconvenience and/or substantial cost duplication for the contracting authority.

For the purposes of Regulation 72(1)(e), the contracting authority also believes (having considered the position) that the proposed modification neither: (1) changes the overall nature of the contract; nor (2) extends its scope considerably; nor (3) is such as to mean that the original procurement would have attracted more or other bidders, or have affected the outcome, had the multimodal survey instrument featured in it.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

PU-23-0001

Title

Contract for the Provision of Crime Survey for England and Wales

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 October 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Verian Group Ltd (was Kantar Public UK Limited)

4 Millbank

London

SW1P 3JA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

13663077

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £40,678,319

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £40,678,319

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Office for National Statistics

Newport

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any objections to the proposed change must be submitted in writing to the contact person listed above within 10 days of the publication of this notice