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Contract

Prison Operator Services - HMP Dovegate

Ministry of Justice

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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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

Prison Operator Services - HMP Dovegate

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75231230 - Prison services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Prison Operator Services - HMP Dovegate

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: £447,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231210 - Imprisonment services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Contract is for the delivery of both custodial and maintenance services as part of the operation of HMP Dovegate. The award of this Contract for prison operator services for HMP Dovegate, was completed under the Light Touch Regime of the Public Contract Regulations (2015).

HMP Dovegate is a male Category B Reception, Training, Resettlement prison for over 18-year-olds located near Uttoxeter in Staffordshire. Accommodation at the prison is divided into the main prison (960 places) and the Democratic Therapeutic Community (200 places). In 2009 the addition of a further accommodation block and other facilities, saw the prison capacity increase to a maximum of 1,160 places.

Prison Operator Contracts cover delivery of all operational custodial services (including but not limited to education, rehabilitation, training, work, security, resettlement) and FM services (hard and soft) that are required for a prison to hold prisoners, both safely and securely, while providing transformative services that reduce reoffending and maintain the prison to a high standard.

The Authority has procured contracts for the operation of prisons to the private sector since the early 1990s and has long advocated a shared approach to prison operation that includes a mix of public, voluntary and private sector involvement.

The Contractor will be responsible for the provision of a safe, decent, secure operating model and regime that specifically meets the needs of the cohort whilst providing a platform for prisoners to tackle the causes of their offending, and a better, more supportive environment for staff and prisoners to work and live in.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-039755](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_25801

Title

Prison Operator Services - HMP Dovegate

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Serco Ltd

Hook

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £447,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Cabinet Office

London

Country

United Kingdom