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# **Search Discovery and Risking Requirements**

H M Revenue & Customs

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

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# Section I: Contracting authority/entity

# I.1) Name and addresses

H M Revenue & Customs

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## **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS** code

UK - United Kingdom

# Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

# I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Direct and indirect taxation

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

## II.1.1) Title

Search Discovery and Risking Requirements

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

This is a voluntary ex-ante transparency (VEAT) notice. HMRC awarded a contract in May 2020 for Search Discovery and Risking Requirements. This voluntary ex-ante transparency note is to advise of the intention to award a new short term contract under Regulation 32(2)(c) as the original contracted expenditure has surpassed the forecast due to funds being reallocated during the past year to cover delivery of COVID 19 projects, additional funds now need to be put in place in order to deliver the originally proposed work, complete COVID 19 search and risking activities plus project work that has been identified as being in scope of the specification of this contract. A new competition for future requirements will commence shortly.

#### 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: £8,900,000

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Salford

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a voluntary ex-ante transparency (VEAT) notice. HMRC awarded a contract in May 2020 for Search Discovery and Risking Requirements. The contract was competed via the Crown Commercial Services Digital Outcomes & Specialists 4 (DOS4) marketplace and awarded to Equal Experts for a period of 2 years and a value of £5.5m. The expenditure has surpassed the original forecast due to additional work required as a result of Covid 19.

Services delivered within the contract are based on delivering outcomes such as:

- a) simplification, consolidation and transformation of the large and complex legacy Data Analytics estate
- b) design and build services to provide environments on which to provision, prepare and transform data
- c) provide services to exploit data across the organisation

and the intended short term contract will ensure continuity of key services whilst a new competition is undertaken.

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The new contract will expire upon completion of handover to the future contractor but no later than November 2021.

#### 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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

# Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## V.2) Award of contract/concession

### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 June 2021

### 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

**Equal Experts** 

Suite 1, Floor 3 Federation House

Manchester

M4 2AH

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

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: £8,900,000

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# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

Note: to register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please contact Stephen Shaw

# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

**United Kingdom**