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Contract

Land Facility Decision Support Unit

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Land Facility Decision Support Unit

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of the DSU is to support balanced and evidence-based decision-making by FCDO and the suppliers of the LF in the context of complexity and uncertainty and a

changing operational context. It will support the flexible and adaptive implementation of the LF in focus countries by providing FCDO and suppliers with independent advice and a challenge function, drawing on process evaluations, local insights and ongoing research by others.

The DSU will run for the duration of the LF programme, initially for 7 years broadly covering the same countries in which the LF is operational.

Specific objectives of the DSU are:

1. to support evidence-based, outcome-oriented and VfM-driven decision-making by FCDO and the LF Lead Supplier throughout the inception phase and implementation;
2. to support and enhance effective programme learning and programmatic action in response to that learning;
3. to support and undertake targeted global dissemination based on a joint communications strategy.

The supplier contract will be up to 7 years, subject to break clauses and resource availability.

The total initial budget and contract value for the services to be delivered under this contract is up to £4.5m.

- i. A further £1.5m may become available during the initial contract period, subject to further approvals;
- ii. An additional £2m scale up and/or 3 years extension option will also be available - subject to a business case addendum should the programme have a strong impact and potential to yield better results.

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: £8,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75210000 - Foreign affairs and other services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: technical / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: commercial / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: comm / Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract was awarded from April 2024 - December 2030 with an initial contract up to £4.5m (inclusive of all applicable taxes: FCDO programmes are not automatically tax exempt and therefore suppliers will be liable to pay local tax in focus countries)

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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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-019773](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

22 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Abt Britain Limited

207 Old Street

London

EC1V 9NR

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)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

FCDO

London

Country

United Kingdom