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Contract

Department of Justice (DoJ) Provision of Electronic Monitoring (EM) Services 2021-2022

Department of Justice

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Department of Justice (DoJ) Provision of Electronic Monitoring (EM) Services 2021-2022

Reference number

DOJ DAC 05/21

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79710000 - Security services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be awarding a short term interim contract for the provision of services for the Electronic Monitoring (EM) of offenders in Northern Ireland.

Under Article 35 of Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 a curfew requirement can include the provision of EM as a condition of court bail, post-release licence or range of

community supervision orders for adults and young persons. The scope of EM is a public protection tool for both for the judiciary and for the criminal justice agencies monitoring

offenders in the community.

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: £1,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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:

There are derogations under the Regulations to award a contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier, in this case under Regulation (32(2) (c) in cases of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseen or attributable to the contracting authority, where the time limits for the open, restricted or competitive procedures with negotiation cannot be complied with.

Due to the unforeseen pandemic and its impact, it de-stabilised all public sector activity as resources were redirected and delayed planned procurement activity, it further destabilised the market; in particular the security services sector where there is face to face contact required in a pandemic for essential services such as this.

There is no option to do nothing; under Article 35 of Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 a curfew requirement can include the provision of EM as a condition of court

bail, post-release licence or range of community supervision orders for adults and young persons. EM is an essential public protection tool for both for the judiciary and for the

criminal justice agencies monitoring offenders in the community and therefore also in the public interest/public safety.

As it is a complex service, with high switching costs and high technical standards which must be robustly tested to ensure accuracy and confidence to all key stakeholders (including

subjects and the criminal justice agencies); it is an unavoidable, longer process and a longer lead in time to test followed by the transition process to switch out equipment etc. In addition to testing it further includes TUPE and CTC clearance which need 3-6 months.

As equipment and installations are a large proportion of the contract, another derogation also applies; Regulation 32(5)(b) for additional deliveries by the original supplier which are

intended either as a partial replacement of supplies or installations or as the extension of existing supplies or installations where a change of supplier would oblige the contracting authority to acquire supplies having different technical characteristics which would result in

incompatibility or disproportionate technical difficulties in operation and maintenance.

This contract is required to meet legislative and public safety obligations, therefore we are further applying the derogation under the EU DIRECTIVE 2014/24 whereby it is explicit

under Provision 41 that : Nothing in this Directive should prevent the imposition or enforcement of measures necessary to protect public policy, public morality, public security, health, human and animal life, the preservation of plant life or other environmental

measures, in particular with a view to sustainable development, provided that those measures are in conformity with the TFEU.

This is a short term interim contract to ensure continuity of services (October 2021-October 2022) whilst the contract is retendered.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has initiated pre market engagement (PIN has been published in FTS) to inform the procurement process to award a new contract for the

provision of services for the Electronic Monitoring (EM) of offenders in Northern Ireland.

The anticipated Service Delivery Go Live date of the new contract 03 October 2022. The tender opportunity and Contract Notice will be advertised in FTS in due course.

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Title

Department of Justice (DoJ) Provision of Electronic Monitoring (EM) Services 2021-2022

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

With held for security reasons

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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: £1,500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

A VEAT was published in April 2021 and a standstill period observed prior to award. This is an interim contract to ensure continuity of services (October 2021-October 2022) whilst the contract is retendered. The procurement process was delayed due to the impact of COVID 19. The Department of Justice (DOJ) has initiated pre market engagement to inform the procurement process to award a new contract for the provision of services for the

Electronic Monitoring (EM) of offenders in Northern Ireland. Under Article 35 of Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 a curfew requirement can include the provision of EM

as a condition of court bail, post-release licence or range of community supervision orders for adults and young persons. This demonstrates the scope of EM as a public protection tool

for both for the judiciary and for the criminal justice agencies monitoring offenders in the community.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

N/A

N/A

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

There is no formal review body in Northern Ireland. Please contact CPD with any queries/issues via Donna.Williams@finance-ni.gov.uk