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## **Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) Framework Agreement (2023-2027)**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office  
Ministry of Defence  
Home Office  
Her Majesty's Treasury  
National Crime Agency  
Cabinet Office  
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs  
Department for Transport  
Department of Health & Social Care  
Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs  
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy  
Ministry of Justice  
Crown Prosecution Service  
Department for International Trade  
UK Health Security Agency  
Metropolitan Police

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office

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London

SW1A 2AH

**For the attention of**

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**Email(s)**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

**General address of the contracting authority/entity**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>

**Electronic access to information**

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate**

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**Further information**

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

### **I.3) Main activity**

General public services

### **I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

Yes

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Ministry of Defence

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Home Office

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Her Majesty's Treasury

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

National Crime Agency

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Cabinet Office

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Department for Transport

#### **Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Department of Health & Social Care

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Department for International Trade

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UK Health Security Agency

**Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

Metropolitan Police

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## **Section II: Object of the contract**

### **II.1) Description**

#### **II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) Framework Agreement (2023-2027)

#### **II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services

Service category No 26: Other services

#### **Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Worldwide

#### **NUTS code**

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.1.3) Information on framework agreement**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

Maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 150

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 48

#### **Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £1,000,000,000 and £3,000,000,000

#### **II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The Conflict Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) will be procuring its next generation

framework agreement in early 2022. The CSSF is a cross-government fund, with an annual budget in the region of 500 000 000 GBP, which delivers and supports activity including but not limited to security, defence, peacekeeping, peace-building and stabilisation activity, using both Official Development Assistance (ODA) and non-ODA funding. Further information on the CSSF's work and its impact is available in our Annual Report

([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1040994/conflict-stability-and-security-fund-annual-report-2020-2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1040994/conflict-stability-and-security-fund-annual-report-2020-2021.pdf))

The new framework will be in place by June 2023 and will include suppliers who are able to meet the requirements of a wide variety of CSSF Programmes in support of National Security priorities and objectives.

This notice is being published to maximise market awareness of the opportunity.

The opportunity is being run via a restricted process under the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011.

The opportunity is open to all organisations who are interested (or may be interested) in being part of the replacement CSSF framework, and their supply chains. This includes existing market operators, potential new entrants and organisations who may be interested in participating jointly through membership of a joint venture or consortium.

The framework will be re-procured via the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's e-procurement portal: <https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk>. Suppliers, not currently registered on the portal, who are interested in being considered for the CSSF Framework Agreement must self-register on the site in order to participate - registration is free and instantaneous.

The CSSF Commercial Team want to ensure that all suppliers have an equal and fair opportunity to join the Framework. Suppliers will be required to pass the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) stage, which will be released during May 2022, and second stage Invitation to Tender (ITT), scheduled for release in October 2022. The burden of proof remains upon suppliers to provide sufficient supporting evidence to the UK government, that it has the right capability and capacity to meet the CSSF's needs. The CSSF Commercial Team will work closely with CSSF Programme Managers at British Embassies/British High Commissions/British Consulates as well as in Cross-Whitehall Departments to ensure that colleagues across the CSSF are confident that it is both easy to use and robust.

The Framework will be divided into three Lots.

The scope of each Lot is as follows:

Lot 1 themes:

- 1 - Preventing, managing and reducing violence
- 2 - Strengthening and protecting inclusive politics and civic accountability mechanisms
- 3 - Stabilisation and state resilience
- 4 - Human security provision and security actor reform
- 5 - Access to formal, traditional and transitional justice
- 6 - Women, Peace and Security
- 7 - Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Climate Security
- 8 - SOC, Environmental Crime, Illicit Finance and Corruption
- 9 - Media Development and Outreach

Lot 2 themes:

- 10 - Counter Terrorism
- 11 - Counter Violence Extremism
- 12 - Strategic Communications

Lot 3 themes:

- 13 - Defence Training and Advice
- 14 - Provision of non-lethal equipment
- 15 - Defence services

The upper value limits of each Lot are:

Lot 1 - £1,650,000,000 (£1.65 billion)

Lot 2 - £600,000,000 (£600 million)

Lot 3 - £750,000,000 (£750 million)

Please note that the values stated above are the estimated maximum for each Lot.

Links to each Lot (copy and paste into browser) are as follows:

<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/go/898885520180FAA00B16> - Lot 1

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### **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

### **II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

### **II.2.1) Total quantity or scope**

The scope of each Lot is as follows:

Lot 1 themes:

- 1 - Preventing, managing and reducing violence
- 2 - Strengthening and protecting inclusive politics and civic accountability mechanisms
- 3 - Stabilisation and state resilience
- 4 - Human security provision and security actor reform
- 5 - Access to formal, traditional and transitional justice
- 6 - Women, Peace and Security

7 - Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Climate Security

8 - SOC, Environmental Crime, Illicit Finance and Corruption

9 - Media Development and Outreach

Lot 2 themes:

10 - Counter Terrorism

11 - Counter Violence Extremism

12 - Strategic Communications

Lot 3 themes:

13 - Defence Training and Advice

14 - Provision of non-lethal equipment

15 - Defence services

The regions each Lot will be delivered in are:

(a) Africa

(b) Europe and Central Asia

(c) Western Balkans

(d) Middle East and North Africa

(e) South America

(f) South Asia

(g) South East Asia

(h) UK Overseas Territories

For each Lot applied for, organisations must have relevant functional and thematic capability in at least one theme and region.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between £1,000,000,000 and £3,000,000,000

### **II.2.3) Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: No

### **Information about lots**

#### **Lot No**

1

#### **Lot title**

Lot 1

#### **1) Short description**

Lot 1 will include the following themes:

- 1 - Preventing, managing and reducing violence
- 2 - Strengthening and protecting inclusive politics and civic accountability mechanisms
- 3 - Stabilisation and state resilience
- 4 - Human security provision and security actor reform
- 5 - Access to formal, traditional and transitional justice
- 6 - Women, Peace and Security
- 7 - Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Climate Security
- 8 - SOC, Environmental Crime, Illicit Finance and Corruption
- 9 - Media Development and Outreach

#### **2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

#### **3) Quantity or scope**

Lot 1 will include the following themes:

- 1 - Preventing, managing and reducing violence
- 2 - Strengthening and protecting inclusive politics and civic accountability mechanisms
- 3 - Stabilisation and state resilience
- 4 - Human security provision and security actor reform
- 5 - Access to formal, traditional and transitional justice
- 6 - Women, Peace and Security
- 7 - Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Climate Security
- 8 - SOC, Environmental Crime, Illicit Finance and Corruption
- 9 - Media Development and Outreach

**Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £400,000,000 and £1,650,000,000

**5) Additional information about lots**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise..

**Lot No**

2

**Lot title**

Lot 2

**1) Short description**

Lot 2 will include the following thematics::

- 10 - Counter Terrorism
- 11 - Counter Violence Extremism
- 12 - Strategic Communications

## **2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community

## **3) Quantity or scope**

Lot 2 will include the following thematics::

10 - Counter Terrorism

11 - Counter Violence Extremism

12 - Strategic Communications

## **Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £300,000,000 and £600,000,000

## **5) Additional information about lots**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise.

### **Lot No**

3

### **Lot title**

Lot 3

### **1) Short description**

Lot 3 will include the following thematics:

13 - Defence Training and Advice

14 - Provision of non-lethal equipment

15 - Defence services

## **2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

- 75221000 - Military defence services

**CPV additional**

- 75211300 - Foreign military-aid-related services

**3) Quantity or scope**

Lot 3 will include the following thematics:

13 - Defence Training and Advice

14 - Provision of non-lethal equipment

15 - Defence services

**Estimated value excluding VAT**

Range: between £300,000,000 and £750,000,000

**5) Additional information about lots**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise .

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions relating to the contract**

#### **III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required**

See relevant documentation via links below:

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<https://fcdo.bravosolution.co.uk/go/418413560180FAA13C86> - Lot 3

#### **III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

See relevant documentation via links below:

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#### **III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information**

See relevant documentation via links below:

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#### **III.1.5) Information about security clearance**

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: 30 April 2023

### **III.2) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1) Personal situation**

**Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See relevant documentation via links below:

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**Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See relevant documentation via links below:

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**III.2.2) Economic and financial ability**

**Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See relevant documentation via links below:

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Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See relevant documentation via links below:

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**III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity**

**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See relevant documentation via links below:

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**Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: See relevant documentation via links below:

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1) Type of procedure**

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Restricted

#### **IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged number of operators: 150

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: See relevant documentation via links below:

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### **IV.2) Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1) Award criteria**

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

#### **IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction has been used: no

### **IV.3) Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

PROJ - CPG/7654/2022 - Lot 1

PROJ - CPG/8013/2022 - Lot 2

PROJ - CPG/8015/2022 - Lot 3

#### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-031520](#) of 16 December 2021

**Other previous publications**

no

**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 7 July 2022 - 1:00pm

Payable documents: no

**IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

7 July 2022 - 1:00pm

**IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

5 October 2022

**IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 24 to 48 months.

### **VI.2) Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The Framework Agreement will be let for twenty-four (24) months initially, with two (2) further twelve (12 ) month options to extend.

### **VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

#### **VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

FCDO Commercial Director

King Charles Street

London

SW1A 2AH

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Internet address**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-development-office>