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Green and Inclusive Growth Centre of Expertise

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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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

Green and Inclusive Growth Centre of Expertise

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 Green and Inclusive Growth Centre of Expertise (GIG CoE) is intended to be one of five Economic Development Centres of Expertise (COEs) being established at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to support delivery of the UK's new International Development Strategy.

COEs will offer demand led and efficient mechanisms to access the best expertise in the UK and globally from multiple sources including from within FCDO and XHMG, to support economic development. Consistent with commitments in the Development White Paper on locally-led development, COEs should also include local suppliers and expertise as a core part of the COE offer - potentially twinned/partnered with UK/international expertise.

COEs will deliver strategic and responsive, short- or longer-term interventions. Intervention design and delivery should be driven by well specified problems, rather than pre-designing interventions to fit all contexts. A longer term 'deep' offer will be developed with the UK's priority countries. COEs are also designed to be an interoperable portfolio response, meaning that instruments within any one COE should be easily combined and brought together, to deliver "fit for context" solutions.

As part of a renewed GIG COE offer, the FCDO is designing a new programme – UK Centre for Green and Inclusive Growth (GIG). This programme aims to build directly upon the success of the following FCDO flagship programmes which currently make up the first phase of the GIG CoE:

- The International Growth Centre (2018-2026)
- Growth Gateway (2019-2026)

- Manufacturing Africa (2017-2026)
- Work and Opportunities for Women (2016-2025)

GIG will aim to contribute to inclusive and sustainable poverty reduction and enhance climate resilience by providing technical assistance to developing countries in target sectors: mainly manufacturing and services, are likely to include agri-processing, green construction materials, textiles, electric vehicle production parts and assembly, environment-friendly packaging; and the services that complement these sectors and account for much of the value-add in the supply chain (e.g. design, logistics, e-commerce, and professional services). These are areas where the UK has domestic expertise. Focusing on these sectoral drivers of green and inclusive growth in the real economy has been shown by predecessor programmes to address a market failure in overcoming the binding constraints to green and inclusive economic growth (e.g. low private sector productivity, lack of responsible business practices, lack of inclusion - particularly women's economic empowerment).

GIG is intended to provide world-class research, analysis and expertise on green and inclusive growth that is responsive, flexible and value for money. GIG will not work on infrastructure, trade, financial services, telecommunications, transport services or frontier tech which are covered by other Centres of Expertise underway. It is likely that non-ODA will be deployed, alongside ODA, to deliver benefits to the UK, for example increased UK commercial opportunities and the UK's USP in sectors such as advanced manufacturing, green transition and services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The UK Centre for Green and Inclusive Growth is anticipated to be a 7-year programme with a budget of up to £300m ODA and up to £7m in non-ODA.

This new programme will be delivered through 3 main components:

A. GIG hub and Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) (£205m ODA + £7m non-ODA): We envisage that the TAF will deliver integrated TA activities across GIG's themes and on a demand-responsive basis, subject to criteria and strategic alignment with GIG. Activities will be delivered at a range of scales (deep vs. targeted). The Hub and GIG TAF are expected to deliver part of the learning and evidence function for GIG and include monitoring, review and learning (assessing GIG's impact, performance and VfM and provide continual learning over the period of the programme) as well as active co-ordination with the other FCDO Centres of Expertise and relevant Centrally Managed Programmes. The component would also help to drive integration across the GIG COE and wider FCDO programme portfolio. This component is envisaged to be delivered jointly by commercial supplier(s) and FCDO staff, including Programme Funded Posts. We also anticipate being able to offer XHMG expertise. The TAF would deliver both 'deep' and 'targeted' interventions co-designed with Posts and in response to country demand. Both types of interventions would contribute to, and adapt, in response to the learning and evidence function. Deep interventions will be multi-year programmes while the duration of targeted interventions will be under a year.

B. International Growth Centre (£70m ODA): This component is intended to deliver demand-responsive, evidence-based policy advice and support to developing country governments. It will stimulate wider policy debate (international and in country) and deliver world class research outputs, policy briefs, responsive policy advice and synopsis papers. Whilst Component 1 and Component 2 are both expected to deliver demand responsive advice, this component is expected to differ from the TAF described above in that the advice will be grounded in the IGC's research and long-term relationships formed with government partners through a country office network. These features will result in the implantation of new growth policies and reforms leading to an impact of higher and more sustainable economic growth. Drawing on its strong track record, the IGC will include a country programme element, research programme element, a responsive policy unit, and a networking and communication element. The IGC is also expected to play an umbrella role to maximise the impact of other economic development research programmes and its country office infrastructure.

C. Partnerships for Growth (£25m ODA): This component is expected to support a range of GIG activities, delivered by key strategic partners, and delivered at global scale. Partners could include multilaterals, academia, CSOs or private sector partnerships. We envisage that GIG will be able to engage new partners throughout the lifetime of the programme in response to emerging priorities, evolving contexts and demand from Post. These will build on and learn from the number of partnership's with these organisations that FCDO has had in recent years through existing GIG projects and other related projects. This component will not be subject to going to market.

Indicative activities include;

- Convening, partnering, knowledge sharing and influencing
- Technical assistance for Governments / state entities
- Technical assistance to firms
- Investment advice and deal facilitation
- Analysis, research and evidence

GIG will seek to support generating quality jobs, economic inclusion and especially women's economic empowerment, responsible business, and actions to drive green transitions as objectives across its work.

Please register interest on the FCDO Portal:
(<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>) (project_10939)

II.2.14) Additional information

This programme is currently working through Business Case approvals and this is a Prior Information Notice and not a call for competition at this time. It is used to highlight to the market that we intend to reach tender stage in the future and invite registration at our Early Market Engagement event on 12th June 2024 at 2pm UK time:
<https://forms.office.com/e/PXsdYF0ZVj>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 January 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes